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Turks seize terrorist as he leaves embassy

# Girl sets fire to herself as Kurds protest

A 15-year-old schoolgirl set herself alight outside the Greek embassy in London yesterday as Kurds across Europe erupted in fury at the arrest of the rebel leader Abduliah Ocaian.

Thousands of Kurds stormed Greek embassies throughout Europe, kidnapped hostages and Yought running battles with the povice in angry protest at Turkey's dra-matic seizure of Mr Ocalan, leader of the PKK Kurdish Workers Party. In about 20 cities, including a doz-

en European capitals, frenzied Kurds broke into Greek embassies and consulates in the early morning and barricaded themselves in. Outside, huge crowds scuffled with police and chanted demands for the release of the fugitive terrorist leader, arrested in Nairobi after leaving the residence of the Greek Ambassador.

Outraged Kurdish supporters immediately accused Greece of betraying Mr Ocalan, saying that he had been lured out of the residence by a trick. Athens admitted giving him shelter, but said that he had disappeared on the way to the airport.

Mr Ocalan was flown back to Turkey late last night to stand trial on charges of masterminding the eastern Turkey that has cost some 30,000 lives over the past 14 years.

In London Vienna and The Hague yesterday, protesters seized hostages inside Greek diplomatic buildings, including the wife, eightyear-old son and housekeeper of the Greek Ambassador to The Netherlands. In Bonn they also held two people in the Kenyan embassy.

In London, hundreds of angry Kurds gathered in Holland Park, close to the Greek Embassy, which was seized and occupied by about 50



Ocalan: under arrest in Turkey

protestors. Police fought running battles with others trying to reach the mission before sealing off the area. Dozens were arrested

Nejgla Kanteper, from Wood Green in North London and the daughter of a Kurdish refugee, set herself alight and ran towards the main body of protesters sitting in the road in Holland Park Avenue. She was quickly wrestled to the ground by police and other demonthe flames. Police at the scene tended the burns on her back before she was lifted into an ambulance, defiantly raising her hand in a victory salute and chanting "Long live

Stuart Wheeler, who witnessed the incident, said: "She took her coat off then 1 just saw the flames whoosh up. I didn't see her out any petrol on herself. The police risked their lives trying to put the flames

out with their jackets." Despite calls from the PKK for an end to the occupations, by nightfall there was still a tense stand-off at most missions across Europe, In Strasbourg 30 protestors with petrol cans threatened to burn the Greek

mission but were ejected. Details of Mr Ocalan's dramatic seizure in Nairobi were undear last night. Announcing his capture, Bu-lent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, said: "He will account for his actions in front of the Turkish justice system.

Judicial officials said that he would be charged under Article 125 with trying to set up a separatist state — a charge that carries the death penalty. No one has been executed in Turkey since 1984.

The PKK yesterday accused America, Israel and Turkey of a "secret service action" to capture Mr Ocalan. It said that he was in "great danger" and gave a warning of a further violent response if he was harmed. Mr Ocalan said earlier this year that at least 10,000 people in Europe would begin a death fast if he was returned to Turkey to stand trial.

After Mr Ecevit's announcement Kurdish prisoners in jails began hunger strikes, and one burnt himcapture of Mr Ocalan but denied any direct hand in his seizure. "We" re obviously very pleased with the apprehension of this terrorist leader," a White House spokesman said

The Foreign Office, concerned about the safety of British embassies, said it would not make any statement on the arrest that could be seen as provocative but was "aware" of Mr Ocalan's capture.

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London schoolgiri Neigia Kanteper set herself alight yesterday as Kurds protested across Europe

### **Absent** Sainsbury 'will be lame duck minister'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICK NUTTALL

LORD Sainsbury, the Science Minister, was accused of being a "lame duck" last night after announcing that he would leave government meetings whenever genetically modified

food policy was raised.
As Tony Blair stood by the former head of the grocery chain, protesting that he was being "hounded" by the Tories over disclosures that he owned a patent connected to biotechnology, the Tories claimed it was "ridiculous" that a science minister had to absent himself from scientific discussions.

At the same time the Government gave the first indications of a shift in response to the mounting public concern over the issue.

In the Commons Jeff Rook-er, the Food Minister, ruled out any planting of commercially-grown genetically modi-fied crops this year. Only two weeks ago he said that any new planting was unlikely before the autumn.

Although officials denied any shift of policy, Mr Rooker and Mr Blair repeatedly emphasised the extreme care with which the Government was proceeding and suggested that its attitude would be determined in the light of trials now taking place. Turn Yeo, the shadow Agriculture Minister, and last right. "I unloame this change of tune but it is nothing like far enough.

There was fresh embarrassment for the Government last night when Mr Blair's leading green adviser suggested that emergency measures to deal with genetically modified food which "go wrong" should be drawn up urgently. Sir Continued on page 2, col 5

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### England expects Keegan as coach Kevin Keegan is expected to

e named by the Football Asociatioo as the new England toach. The FA is believed to have agreed that the former England forward could also continue to manage second di-rision Fulham Page 44

### Brown in black

Chancellor Gordon Brown is heading for a large budget surplus official figures showed that £12.4 billion of debt was naid off in January, a record monthly figure......... Page 23

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# Three horses killed in racetrack collision

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THREE racehorses were killed in a freak accident at Sedeefield racecourse yesterday after they collided with loose horses running in the opposite direction. The horrific scenes at the

track in Co Durham came as fallers at the first fence in the Red Onion Novices Chase turned and ran the wrong way round the 14-mile left-handed oval circuit. They came on a collision course as the remainder of the field approached the second last fence.

Royal Scimitar was killed instantly and Lorcan Wyer, his jockey, was catapulted into the air but escaped with nothing worse than a sore thumb. Floss The Boss and Skane River also died as a total of six horses were brought down, along with jockeys.

Wyer said: "There is always the possibility that something like this will happen here or at Fakenham. It all happened in a split second. I managed to avoid two of the loose horses but I had no chance of missing

the other one." The worst accident since three horses died in last year's Grand National prompted immediate calls for an independent inquiry. "If it is found that horses have been allowed to run on a course that was not fit for racing heads should roll," said John Robins of Animal Concert

A spokeswoman for the RSPCA said: "We will be making inquiries into this incident concerning the conditions on the course, as we do with any incidents where horses have died as a result of racing." Robert Earnshaw, a former

jockey and the stewards' secretary on duty at Sedgefield yesterday, said: "It is one of the

worst incidents of its type I have seen. The stewards are going to forward a report to the Jockey Club with their recommendations as to what can be done to make sure it doesn't happen again. There are two escape routes for the horses but regrettably in this instance

they didn't take them." John Masse, spokesman for the Jockey Club, said: "No is-sue has a higher priority with the Jockey Club than the safety and welfare of horse and rider and clearly if there are any lessons that can be learnt from this tragic accident, we will take them on board straightaway. The problem of loose horses on a racecourse is not a new one and has been studied at length. Several suggestions have been out forward and some have been tried."

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The judge no holiday

### Judge dons Noddy hat

Mr Justice Potts dressed in a Noddy hat when he was led with counsel and a jury of the Central Criminal Court deep into a Belarussian pine wood. Their guide showed them where his village's Jewish population was machinegunned into pits 57 years ago.

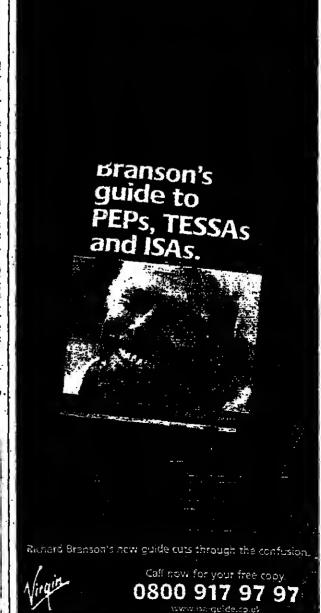
The judge had warned the iury in the case of Anthony Sawonink, who faces four murder charges, that the trip would be no holiday... Page 3

### Triumph for Robbie Williams

BY CAROL MIDGLEY. MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ROBBIE Williams was bailed as a symbol of triumph over adversity last night after overcoming drink and drug addiction to win three Brit Awards. Williams, 26, won best male singer, best single for his number one hit Angels, and best video for his song Millennium. His career had plummeted after he left the band Take That.

Best album award was won by The Manic Street Preachers, who were also best British group. The Radio 1 DJ Zoe Ball's fiance, Norman Cook. won best dance act and Natalie Imbruglia won two awards. Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart won an award for outstanding contribution to British music and Muhammad Ali was given the Freddie Mercury Award. Destree was named best female singer.



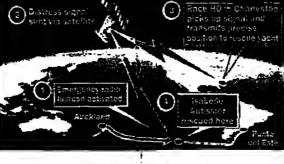
# Race rival turns back to rescue stricken sailor

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE French solo yachtswoman Isabelle Autissier was yesterday rescued by a fellow competitor in the Around Alone single-handed round-the-world race, after her boat capsized in the South Pacific Ocean. Aurissier, 42, raised the alarm on Monday when her

lina, decided Autissier's best





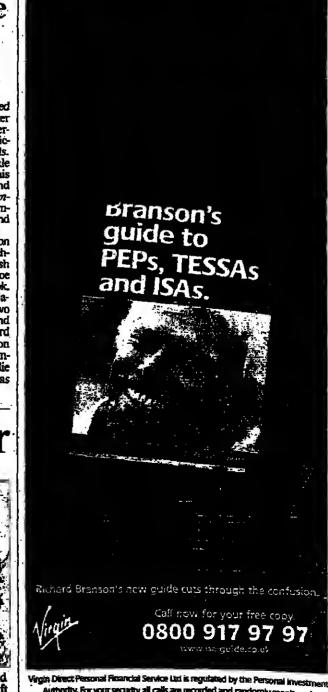
east of her position. It took Solian sailor, Giovanni Soldini, dini in FILA 24 hours to reach 32, who was 200 miles north- Autissier. He was directed by

race officials via his on-board satellite communications system. Soldini approached after dark and spotted Autissier's boat almost immediately - a remarkable feat in such a huge expanse of water. Race officials described Soldini's actions as a "masterful,

Although Soldini has Autissier on board, he is still in the race, though she must not assist him in handling the boat. "I'm on an Italian tour now and not unhappy about it," Autissier said in a message telexed via satellite.

heroic act of seamanship".





# Rooker makes mincemeat of Tories' gene food fads

his best but his problems lay

not in his performance but his

argument. Framed to justify

intelligent concern, the Tory

case just about held water.

ink with indignation sition been trounced so fast and so comprehensively. tling resemblance to a genetically modified potato. Tim Yeo, the Tory agriculture spokesman, demanded that ministers come clean about GM foods. Had the Prime Minister yielded to "pressure from President Clinton, who is known to be close to Mon-

Who's sbe? MPs giggled. Jeff Rooker, the junior minister who may be a genetically modified bus conductor, and who was leading the Government's counter-attack, kept a straight face. Rooker was magnificent. Rarely has an Oppoand so comprehensively.

We sketch writers are no more food scientists than MPs, and at the end we were hardly the wiser. But one truth Mr Rooker did lay bare the Tories have climbed aboard this bandwagon opportunistically and late. Rooker rammed that home. As William Hague and senior colleagues slunk early from the Chamber, even they seemed to acknowledge their humilia-

The occasion had a Swiftian absurdity ... Minister: "Tomato paste -



Hon Members: "Oh!" Minister: Soya beans April and February 1995." Hon Members: "Ah!" Minister: "Maize - 1996

and 1997."

Hon Members: "Oh! Oh! Agah

Roused to a fury, Mr Rooker bellowed: "My advice on eating raw potatoes? The same as my advice on eating raw chicken. DON'T DO IT! For the Tories, Mr Yeo did

near-hysterical alarm in opposition.

Jeff Rooker is a variable Dispatch Box performer. Incurably earnest and with a short fuse, he sometimes gets into a tangle. But the earnestness pays off in questions like this - of public trust. Rooker believed and understood what he was saying and it showed.

Framed to justify a fit of fin-The Brummie minister beger-stabbing outrage, it was lucame so fired up that he began dropping and inserting aitches almost randomly: "... only after the most careful Rooker quickly demonstrat-ed that the Conservative Party seemed to have performed an scrutiny of their effects on hhabrupt U-turn: from an unperhuman 'ealth." A smooth ralkturbed acceptance of GM technology in government to a er would have sorted out his

sion Rooker was casting consonants to the winds. Even backberch doubters were

Dismaying his front bench, Ian Taylor, a former Tory science minister, told his party that GM foods had turned us all "into headless chickens". But the power of food to ignite feeling is astonishing. For the first time in living memory Bill Cash (C. Stone) quailed be-lore a threat which did not originate in Brussels. Martin Smyth (UUP. Belfast S) denounced a conspiracy which even he could not blame on

the Pope. Speaking for the Lib-

won over.

genetically modified cross between the Duke of Windsor and a carrot, blamed both the other parties. A fortnight ago, when Wil-

liam Hague first went ballistic on GM foods, this sketch noted that, bizarre as the performance seemed, the Tory Leader might well succeed in starting a food scare. Now he has. But to start a

food scare is to play on the nursery slopes of politics or journalism. Anyone can do it. To stop a food scare is a Himalayan task. That accomplishment was yesterday Jeff Rook-

### NEWS IN BRIEF MPs attack new phone numbers

Plans to force millions of people to alter their telephone numbers this summer four years after the last change were condemned by MPs. The Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee criticised Oftel, the telephone watchdog. for proposing the move with-out adequately consulting telephone users. The MPs accused Oftel of being "unduly swayed" by operators' claims that technological difficulties prevented them from using existing numbers more efficiently. Oftel said: "If these code changes do not take place London and perhaps other cities

### Laser surgery is abandoned

will run out of number capacity by summer 2000."

State-of-the-art laser surgery for patients with heart disease has been abandoned after trials at Papworth Hospital. Cambridge, showed that more padents died after the operation than those given simple medication. The laser operation bad been widely acclaimed in America and Europe as a breakthrough in treating patients with a rare kind of angina.

### Courts will pay for case delays

People will be paid compensation if courts and judges are not ready to start trials on time under the civil justice reforms to come into force in April. At a conference on the changes, Sir Richard Scott, Vice Chancellor and Head of Civil Justice, said that if lawyers and lit-igants were to be held to account for delays and made to pay for wasted costs, then so should the courts.

### **Progressive Jews** redress balance

Britain's progressive Jewish community took the first step to gaining its own "chief rabbi" with the creation of a post of associate president at the Council of Christians and Jews. Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi who heads the Orthodox community, is the only Jewish president of the council. The progressive community wanted the new post to redress the balance.

### Death rate rises for young men

Death rates among young men are getting worse, even though they are falling among almost all other parts of the population. Official figures show that while the number of male teenagers dying in acci-dents has fallen, they still account for 44 per cent of deaths in the 15 to 19 age group. The increase has been from suicides, mental illness caused by drugs or alcohol, or infections.

### Irvine defeated in the Lords

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, suffered a fresh defeat last night when peers voted against his plan for a Criminal Defence Service that would employ salaried lawyers. The House of Lords voted by 189 votes to 134 to back a Liberal Democrat move against the service, which law-yers feared would be a first step towards a public defender

## Passengers leap

from Heathrow and leapt out ple suffered minor injuries.

# 'Yes' vote raises stakes in Ulster arms stand-off

By Martin Fletcher. Chief Ireland correspondent

THE Northern Ireland assembly last night set the scene for a showdown between Unionism and republicanism this spring by overwhelmingly approving the structure of the new power-sharing executive.

Even as the assembly voted, Gerry Adams was in Downing Street pressing Tony Blair to take the final step of establishing the executive and transferring power from London. He took with him the lever of a loyalist handgrenade in an attempt to illustrate why the IRA would not disarm.

David Trimble, the First Minister, again vowed to block the formation of the executive until the IRA began giving up its weapons. He said that Unionists had "now done everything we can do" and the ball was in Sinn Fein's court. His slim room for manoeuvre on the issue was underlined by the 29-29 split in the Unionist

Sinn Fein's case was further an IRA arms cache in a house off the republican Falls Road before the marching season dle before the institutions can in West Belfast. It included a and European election cambe put in place, and I urged loaded rifle, ammunidon, detonators and home-made exp-

losives, and was described by the RUC as the most significant find in two years.

The assembly voted 77-29 for a 12-member executive on which Sinn Fein would be enotied to two seats. It also ratified plans for a north-south ministerial council, six crossborder bodies, a civic forum and a British-Irish council.

One member of Mr Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party, Peter Weir, sided with the Democratic Unionist Party and other opponents of the Good Friday accord. A second potential defector, Roy Beggs voted yes only after receiving "concrete assurances" that Mr Trimble would not drop insistence on IRA disarmament

The result means that Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, can in principle now trigger the so-called d'Hondt mechanism for dividing up the executive's ministerial portfolios between par-

She wants to transfer power to the executive on March 10,

foods are, well,

look, you know,

kind of terrific,

aren't they?

lock over IRA disarmament is broken. If she tried to activate the executive without the Unionists' agreement they could easily render it inoperable by refusing to nominate their min-

Unionists who voted no argued that last night's vote put Dr Mowlam in charge, and that Mr Trimble would be unable to resist the pressure from London, Dublin and Washington to admit Sinn Fein.

The DUP's Nigel Dodds told Unionists the vote was the "last opportunity they will have to put the brake on IRA-Sinn Fein getting into government without . . . dismantling their terror machine".

Mr Adams, Sinn Fein's president, has repeatedly said that he cannot deliver IRA disarmament and that the accord imposes no preconditions on Sinn Fein's admission to government. Speaking outside Downing Street he said the vote meant that the assembly parties had "now done their bit in terms of clearing the last hur-

Genetically engineered



Nejla Kanteper lying on the pavement near the Greek Embassy yesterday as the emergency services go to her aid

# 'My sister was fearless and passionate about our cause'

THE 15-year-old who set herself alight as part of a Kurdish protest was described last nigh as fearless and angry by

While Nejla Kanteper was being treated for burns at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, Gulsen, 12, spoke of paigns begin, but is highly un-likely to move until the dead-these in place with all speed". bow the family were regularly beaten in nightly raids by

Susie Steiner and Stewart Tendler on a Kurdish protester's family

day Gulsen watched as Nejla. her 20-year-old brother, Ersin, and father, Suleyman, left their home in Wood Green. North London, for the Greek Embassy. They had beard of plans for the protest at about lam, when a broadcast went out on a Kurdish satellite television channel. While the three decided to set off then and there, Gulsen's mother,

Kadirye, who speaks no English, stayed at home with her.
"They would have let me go but I was sleeping." Gulsen said last night. "I wouldn't want to go because I'm really scared of it all."

family Kanteper moved to Britain six years ago girl when she set herself

Turkish police in their native village in Cyprus. They fled to Britain in 1993.

In the early hours of yester-Kanteper, beatings from the

Turkish police were ministered regularly at night. It was that experience, said Gulsen, translating for her mother last night, that made Nejla so political and so an-gry. "She has felt very strong-ly about the whole thing for a couple of years. She is not scared of anything. She is a

ing English at a Kurdish community centre in Haringey, northeast London, are not be-

Nejla's brother, who works in a restaurant, accompanied Neila in the ambulance to hospital. Both he and her father. who is unemployed and learnlieved to have been with the

In 1993 a Kurdish refugee trying to get political asylum in Britain set fire to himself in immigration service offices at Croydon, South London. There were larger, violent clashes with police in 1994 af-

alight. "They would have stopped her," Gulsen said. "My mother is very upset."

Kurds have grown more mili-tant against Turkish targets in

London. Right-wing Turkish

on a Turkish bank in the City

of London and the Turkish

Embassy in Belgravia. A year

later there was another attack

on the embassy and the BBC World Service headquarters.

groups have retaliated... In 1991 there were attacks

In the past eight years

ter the European spokesman for the PKK group was arrested under the Immigration Act. In 1996 two Kurdish militants were jailed for four years each after being caught

# Martyrs who fanned the flames of protest

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SELF-IMMOLATION as a means of political protest has become a favoured weapon

In November last year two Kurdish men set themselves oo fire in Moscow in protest against the arrest of Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), in Italy, Both survived. At the same time it was reported that II Turkish Kurds attempted self-immolation in the mainly Kurdish region of south-eastern Turkey where the PKK had been leading its

campaign for independence. The most famous self-immolator is Jan Palach, who as a 21-year-old student in 1969 set himself on fire in Wenceslas Square, Prague, in protest against Czech politicians' acceptance of Soviet occupation. is more familiar than in the



Ouang Duc, a protester in Vietnam in 1966

their religious liberties.

influenced by the scores of Viemamese monks who set themselves on fire during the Vietnam war in defence of In the East self-immolation

Indian widows until out-lawed, not entirely successfully, under British rule in the 19th century. in April 1998 Thuptun Ngodup, a Tibestan monk, im-molated himself in protest at

Indian police arresting dem-onstrators when a Chinese general visited New Delhi. A South Korean student set himself on fire in protest against President Kim Young

Sam in July 1997.

The Indian cult, Ananda
Murga, practised self-immolation in the 1970s in protest against the arrest of their leader Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar on charges of conspiracy to murder former cult members. And at Waco. Texas, in April 1993 the Branch Davidian leader. David Koresh, was alleged to have urged his followers to burn themselves to death.

# from jumbo jet

Passengers forced open the door of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet abour to get ready for take-off in panic after spotting flames emerging from an engine. Boeing and Malaysian Airlines are investigating the incident last September, which was revealed in a Department of Transport air accident report .. published yesterday. Two peo-

# Leave it out Tony!

To find out more about the genetic food fiasco and what the alternatives are, call free on 8800 269 065 er visit www.greendeace.org.eh/tracised

GREENPEACE

### Sainsbury 'a lame duck' minister Continued from page I Crispin Tickell, chairman of the Government's panel on sustainable development and former ambassador to the United Nations, said he was toes suffered, spoke after a gagconcerned about the threats ging order was lifted. Dr Pusztai said he felt bitter posed by the new technology to human health and the coun-

He said he did not want genetic engineering of foods and plants to lead to a repeat of epidemics like Aids where the emergency response had been "distressingly ad hoc ... and panicky".

And the scientist at the centre of the controversy broke

fears would be proved correct. Dr Arpad Pusztai, whose research suggested the growth and immune systems of rats fed genetically modified pota-

at his treatment and hoped a Commons Select Committee would vindicate his concerns. The scientist - who suffered

a heart attack amid the intense pressure - warned the public: "I would not eat these potatoes

Lord Sainsbury, the third

ness links to come under pressure during this Parliament, issued a lengthy statement ex-plaining how he had placed his interests in a blind trust and how when he became a minister he said how he would stand aside from decisions or discussions having any effect on the Sainsbury company.

He said that he had not taken part in any government decisions or discussions relating to genetically modified food policy. He disclosed that on one occasion when GM policy was discussed at the Cabinet Committee on biotechnology he had left the meeting.

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# Trail deep in snow and past dread



Alan Hamilton joins an Old Bailey jury, judge and lawyers on a 1,200-mile foray into the bitter cold of Belarus, as they seek the truth about a day of Jewish slaughter in 1942

DEEP in a pine wood near the Belarussian village of Domachevo stands a stark obelisk flanked by two unmarked mass graves. Its Russian inscription is dedicated to "the victims of German fascist terror, 1941-45". Soviet memorials never mention Jews.

Along a track covered by snow, Fedor Zan, a small, wizened man of 75 in a grey raincoat and brown fur hat, yesterday led the judge, counsel and jury of Britain's Central Criminal Court, well wrapped against the sub-zero cold, to a site in the middle of the wood. His village's former Jewish population of 3,000 were led here, stripped naked and machinegunned into pits.

The area was different then, with scrubby bushes instead of stately Scots pines and birches, and there was no snow on the ground. But atrocities committed 57 years ago still haunt what would otherwise be a Christmas-card scene. Mr Zan was once a school

friend of Anthony Sawoniuk. Now he is a key prosecution witness in the Old Bai-The jurors ley trial of the village boy who, the consulted Crown says, grew into a policeman their maps exercising a ruthand copious less authority over Jews and gentiles alike, and who to notes. Fedor day faces four mur-Zan blew der charges. Mr Justice Potts

had warned the his nose jury back in Lonand dabbed don that its unprecedented visit to a his eyes would be no holiday. Nevertheless,

its sombre guided tour of alleged past brutality had its jovial tinge. Although still formally a court in session, the participants were able to abandon the usual rules of dress.

The judge wore a bright red. fleecy Noddy hat with ear-flaps, John Nutting, QC, leading counsel for the prosecu-tion, wore a long brown suede coat and puffed a pipe. William Clegg, QC, for the defence, sported a bright Austrian skiing pullover with attached hood. The jurors, 1.200 miles from the comfort of Court No 12, were huddled in subfuse anoraks, leopard-skin coats and moonboots.

Mr Zan, who was flown to London last week to be nut under oath, met the court's members at the edge of the village. He was instructed by the judge to indicate four locations. First, he pointed out the house of his sister, whom he had been visiting on a September evening in 1942. The modest cottage, with its corrugated roof, still stands, decorated yesterday by 3ft icicles.

The party walked into the woods along the track which Mr Zan says he used on his way home that night. At times the jurors stopped and consulted each other. They wanted to ask the judge a question: the foreman raised an umbrella in the air to indicate that Mr Justice Potts's attention was required. A gust of chilly wind blew lumps of snow from the branches. Half a mile into the woods, the court stopped again. Here, Mr

Zan indicated, was the point at which he heard cries and screams, leaving his homeward route to investigate. The snow was deeper now, the path less trodden, and the court followed him in single file. The jury consulted its maps and copious background notes; Mr Zan blew his nose and dabbed

his eyes. In a deep-

er part of the

wood, he stopped again. There, he indicated, was where he had hidden. He fought his way through the leafless bushes and took up a position 20 yards from the track. A court usher in fluorescent yellow vest followed him to mark the place.

"Is that the place?" the judge called, and the interpreter translated.

"Da, da, da, da," Mr Zan shouted back rapidly, almost as though imitating machinegun fire. He returned to the



The jury at Domachevo wood yesterday to hear testimony from Fedor Zan, below left. Others there included, below from left, Mr Justice Potts, William Clegg, QC, and John Nutting, QC

track while, one by one, the 12 jurors stumbled through the undergrowth to observe the

spot.
From this hiding place, Mr
Zan claims, he watched as Mr Sawoniuk machinegunned 15 Jewish women and girls directly into a ready-dug grave. The judge said that he would not ask Mr Zan to estimate the distance at which he first heard the screams.

He was then asked to walk to where the shootings had occurred, while the jury remained on the track. Accompanied by an interpreter and court official, he walked a considerable distance further into the wood, beyond the Soviet memorial, and raised a hand twice to indicate the claimed sites of two graves. Allied aerial photographs from 1942 indicate that there were few trees then; yesterday the jury could barely see Mr Zan.

He was thanked and allowed to go home, at least until he reappears as a witness in London. But he was asked if he could wait by the roadside near his house so that he could be filmed and photographed; the judge reminded reporters



and photographers that the court was technically sitting throughout its walk in the woods, and that normal courtreporting restrictions — which forbid identifying witnesses or

jurors — still applied. The court walked the short distance to inspect the memorial and its adjoining pits, one of which has a substantial pine in the middle, an indication that the tree was not there when it was dug in 1942. The two mass graves are those of



But the charges against Mr Sawoniuk relate to later search-and-kill mopping-up. operations, when those who had escaped the initial slaughter were hunted down and

ed by local collaborators.

Domacićvo is a village of green wooden houses, with as many horses and carts as trac-

tors. In 1941 its population was 90 per cent Jewish; there are none left now. Earlier in the day the jurgrs had been taken on a conducted tour of the village, the better to under-

where witnesses will say they saw key events. First they saw Mr Sawon-iuk's former house, which he had had dismantled in the Jewish ghetto and rebuilt in a

more favourable location in

Sverdlovsk Street As they

stand the locations from

looked, a young woman peeped from within through the net curtains, and a knot of curious old women gathered in the street outside. With Mr Nutting and Mr Clegg as their guides, they

moved on, past the large blue wooden Russian Orthodox church, to the police station, destroyed by partisans and since rebuilt, where Mr Sawoniuk was stationed. It was from here, the Crown alleges, that

were led by Mr Sawoniuk to slaughter on suspicion of collaborating with anti-Nazi partisans in the forests.

With silent villagers watching from street corners, the jury was shown the perimeter of the old Jewish ghetto, where a population of nearly 3.000 was coralled behind barbed wire, eventually to be led out in groups and systematically murdered. Nothing remains of it now and Pushkin Street. the so-called road of death down which Jews were led to the woods and to the machinegun, is a peaceful side-street of

cottages and gardens. Much else has changed. The jury was shown the cinema. once the Roman Catholic Church from which worshippers were ordered out to watch Jews being led to their deaths. punched and rifle-butted on their way.

Time and a foot of snow today blur the picture of total recall. When the trial resumes in London, however, the jury will have a sharper image of four alleged atrocities among thousands committed in one of the darkest hours of European

# \* BBC blows the whistle on sheepdog series

THE BBC is to drop One Man and His Dog, the long-running television series about

sheepdog trials. In an attempt to soften the blow to its rural audience, the corporation has said that there will be a special farewell edition before the end of the year.

The BBC said: "One Man and His Dog has been a special part of BBC2 for 23 years but after much thought we feel it is time to take a new look at the way we approach country matters. The programme will, therefore, not return in its

Robin Page, who has presented the series for the past four years, urged the show's 1.8 million viewers to write to the BBC calling for the decision to be reversed.

current form."

He said he had not been given a reason for the decision. "It's typical of how arrogant, stupid and out of touch senior executives are," he said. "They don't seem to have any concept of anything outside London. They are obsessed with things that are supposed to be trendy. "This is going to upset a lot of country people. It's another kick in the teeth for the rural

part of our society. Their livelihood is already under threat and now their entertainment is under threat as well." One Man and His Dog, which was created by Philip Gilbert, the television produc-

er, was first screened in 1976 as a one-off programme but returned the next year by popular demand.

Presented by Philip Drab-ble, with Eric Halsall as commentator, it became a hit by BBC2 standards, attracting an audience of almost 8 million in its heyday. In 198t, 7.8 million watched the series, which was screened midweek at 9.25pm.

By August 1990, when Katy Cropper became the first woman to compete in the series, winning the semi-final with her dog Trim, the show had been moved to weekends.

Four years later, Mr Drabble retired after 18 years, to be replaced by Mr Page. In 1996 Mr Halsall died and Gus Dermody joined the show. Mr-

Page, who farms 130 acres, believes that the show has not had a chance since being rescheduled last year to Saturday afternoon, when farmers

are working.
Scheduled against Grandstand, it has been attracting an average 1.6 million viewers but this falls during live sporting events and was just 700,000 during the Five Nations rugby tournament.

Mr Page said: "BBC2 has been trying to cut the show's audience by showing it on a Saturday afternoon. Its natural audience can't warch it."

Mr Dermody said: "I meet numerous farmers and shepherds annoyed by the BBC's attitude towards One Man and His Dog."



Page says dropping the series will upset country folk

### Landlord **'provoked** savage beating'

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES WEST OF ENGLAND CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER magistrate "encouraged" two tenants to inflict a savage beating on a man they caught breaking in, a

court was told yesterday.

David Latham, 52, who owned the flats in Gloucester. had been telephoned by another resident concerned at the treatment being meted out to Mark Robinson, 26. But when the landlord arrived he said that he recognised him as a drug addict and paedophile. Ian Dixey, for the prosecution, told Gloucester Crown Court that the remark led to Mr Robinson receiving injuries that left him unable to talk or walk

Mr Dixey described how Mr Robinson was caught by Michael Ryland, 33, and Russell Lomax, 27. The court was told that Richard Davidson phoned Mr Latham after being told not to call the police by Lomax and his victim.

Mr Latham denies false imprisonment and helping Mr Robinson's attackers by dispos-ing of blood-stained clothing. Mr Ryland denies grievous bodily harm and false imprisonment: Lomax has previously pleaded guilty to the same charges. The trial continues.



# Hunted foxes 'face death by stress'

By Claudia Joseph

 ANTI-HUNT campaigners claim that they have the first hard evidence to prove that foxes can die from stress after a cub rescued from the hounds by saboteurs was examined by a vet.

The National Trust and the Forestry Commission banned stag hunting on their land two years ago when a study found that deer suffered stress during the chase. Now field sports opponents claim that foxes experience similar feelings.

Richard Edwards, the vet who treated the cub, which has been named Copper after the policeman's helmet that protected it from the hounds, believes the fox would have died from the stress it suffered, if it had not been treated. He discov-

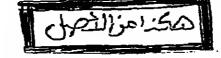
ered that Copper displayed all the signs of intense trauma, including a racing heart, no colour in its gums and blood in its urine, as well as being bitten.

He said yesterday: "Never have I seen a dog come in this profoundly shocked. given the extent of the injuries. I don't believe the injuries were life threatening in themseives. What was life threatening was the severe amount of shock present in this animal. Had it not received treatment it would simply have died."

Copper was being chased across common land by members of the Chidding-fold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt, who met at Upperton, West Sussex, when Andrew Wasley, a saboteur, intervened and the fox escaped into a rabbit hole. The fox eventually backed out of the hole and antil it was taken to the vet.

Patrick Bateson, Professor of Ethology at Cambridge University, who carried out the study on deer for the National Trust, told Radio 4's Today programme yesterday: "I regard this as the first hard evidence that I have come across that foxes are hunted to the point where they are very severely stressed. I regard this as an important step in getting evidence that would lead one to believe that fox hunt-

ing is unacceptable."
However, Bob Baskerville, a vet and member of the Countryside Alliance, sug-gested that the saboteurs had caused the stress. "There is a great deal of evidence throughout all species that handling and transport induces stress," he said.



### Confused callers given little comfort

By ELIZABETH JUDGE

THE phones were ringing and the freshly trained operators were sharing their knowledge new-found with callers from all over the country. Sainsbury's ge-netic modification helpline had been launched.

From a small room in Manchester yesterday, the supermarket chain sought to reassure its customers. But the operators sounded

as confused as the people they were trying to advise. One struggled as he tried to describe what gen-ctically modified food was. "It's erm. well..like, they do it with soya." he offered helpfully, adding: "It basically means that the people growing the crops use less herbicides so it makes life easier for them. But

I'm no scientist.' A woman colleague faltered as she gave her definmon: "It's like em... when you add something to something to help it grow." She reached for an example: "It's like paste. you know, when you add stuff to food to hold it

together?"
The helpline was set up after Sainsbury's general information line was flooded with calls about genetically modified food. Fifteen operators were transferred to Altrincham to cope with the demand and they answered 200 calls in the first two hours. Mike Conolly, director of customer relations, said:

"We pride ourselves on giving our customers clear information."

The operators, however. did not appear to have an agreed line on safety. One said cheerfully: "As far as Sainsbury's is concerned, it's completely safe." Another was more cautious: "It's up to you, we give the advice but you have to make up your mind."

The helpline - 0500 301010 -- is open 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and tam-spm on Sundays

# GM firm faces £20,000 fine

Scientists defend industry as Monsanto appears in court, reports Nigel Hawkes

MONSANTO will be charged today with not taking care of a crop of herbicide-tolerant oilseed rape. With a second defendant, Perry-

fields Holdings, the gene modifying food company faces a maximum fine of 520,000 at Caistor Magistrates' Court in Lincolnshire for contravening the conditions under which the crop was being grown.

The defendants are charged with allowing a o-metre "shelter belt" of unmodified oilseed rape to be thinned in one area to 4m. The shelter belt was to prevent seeds from the genetically modified rape escaping. perhaps to hybridise with a wild relation of rape and produce herbi-

LORD Sainshury of Turville.

the minister who has been at-

tacked over his links with ge-

nerically medified food, devel-

oped his interest in science

while at Cambridge in the

He had gone up to read his-tory but was sidetracked by

the work of the Nobel Prize-

winning scientists Crick and

Watson, who had made ground-breaking discoveries about DNA. Excited by this.

he switched to psychology. Since then he has immersed

himself in science. He said re-

cently that he dreamt of his

"fairy godmother turning him

into a Nobel Prize winner in

plant genetics". He is highly

knowledgable on plant biology as well as neurophysiology.

did not pursue a sciendfic ca-

reer. Instead he entered the

family firm and quietly fol-

lowed his other great passion.

He joined the Labour Party in the 1970s and even pro-duced a pamphlet for the Fabi-

an Society on partnership be-

tween government and indus-

try. "I was basically new La-bour before new Labour." he

But as the party slipped more to the left he joined and

helped to bankroll the SDP.

He returned to Labour after

1994 and was made a Labour was funding.

Blair became

said recently.

Yet on leaving university he

Peer with taste

for science

and politics

By MARK INGLEFIELD AND JILL SHERMAN

cide-resistant weeds. This has long been one of the concerns raised by

environmentalists over such crops. There was no evidence of damage from Monsanto's breach. The crop was destroyed and the area will be monitored for two years to study

any longer-term consequences. The company expects that the case will provide another stick with which to beat the biotechnology industry. "It has reached hysterics." a Monsanto spokesman said.

peer shortly after the last gen-

eral election. He was brought into government, along with Geoffrey Robinson and Lord

Simon, because of his knowl-

During his six years as Sainsbury's chairman, unoi 1997, he was a powerful advo-

cate of genetically modified food, which he sincerely be-

lieves will reduce supermarket

bills and improve food quality.

advocacy of GM food exper-iments — his charitable trust.

the Gatsby Foundation, has spent millions of pounds on

researching plant biology - is

motivated by more than intel-

lectual curiosity. Although he placed his El billion sharehold-

ing in the family supermarket

chain in a blind trust on

becoming a minister, his equi-

ty, the Tories say, will soar if

GM products reach their

trust he could not be accused

of being able to influence those

concerns. He had resigned from the Gatsby Foundation on joining the Government,

although he soll made regular

donations to the organisacion.

and had told it in July that he

no longer wished to be in-

But the Tories claim that his

edge of husiness.

Yesterday an eminent group of plant scientists, led by Professor Ray

Baker, chief executive of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, defended the industry: "It is vital to increase the size

of the experiments, to learn how

these crops affect farming practice."

Dr. Phil Dale, of the John Innes centre in Norwich, who has studied the spread of pollen from herbicideresistant crops, said: "There is no in-cidence of weeds becoming tolerant from convenionally bred herbicide-

resistant crops." Professor Ian Crute, of the Institute of Arable Crop Research, said

that such weeds already existed. "They have evolved naturally in response to herbicide use," he said.

Some evidence suggests that wild plants that acquire the herbicide-resistant gene are far from "superweeds" anyway. Dr Joy Bergelson, of the University of Chicago, studied one such plant and found that it died out in five generations. Producing the herbicide-tolerance protein left it weaker than neighbouring

plants and it soon succumbed. Dr Colin Merritt, of Monsanto, said that traditional plant breeding

was more, not less, dangerous because instead of a single gene being transferred, dozens or hundreds were transferred. Often such crossbreeds involved the use of wild relaoves to gain hybrid vigour.

Then there really was a risk of transferring weedy qualities to plants, he said. Compared with that,

genetic engineering is a scalpel rather than a sledgehammer.

A second concern of environmentalists is crops so clean that wildlife has nowhere left to flourish. The Royal Society for the Protection of

Birds, said: "Nature is taking a ham-mering from intensive farming and the introduction of genetically modified crops may push more species closer to the edge."

This outcome is not inevitable. In field of wheat or barley, weeds are already rare because farmers spray before crops emerge. Using herbi-cide-tolerant crops would let them spray less often or even allow the

weeds to grow before spraying. Professor Baker believes that we are suffering the aftermath of BSE, which has sensitised the public to the unintended consequences of intensive farming and caused a loss of respect for scientific expertise.

### Rainbow coalition calls for freeze

BY JOANNA BALE

THE Townswomen's Guilds and Friends of the Earth are not usually perceived as nat-ural bedfellows but so widespread is the concern about genetically modified food that they have joined a national campaign against it.

The two groups are part of the Five-Year Freeze Campaign, a 29-strong alliance announced yesterday to press for a five-year moratorium on the development and introduction of GM foods. Other members include the Soil Association. the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environment, and the Catholic Institute for International Relations.

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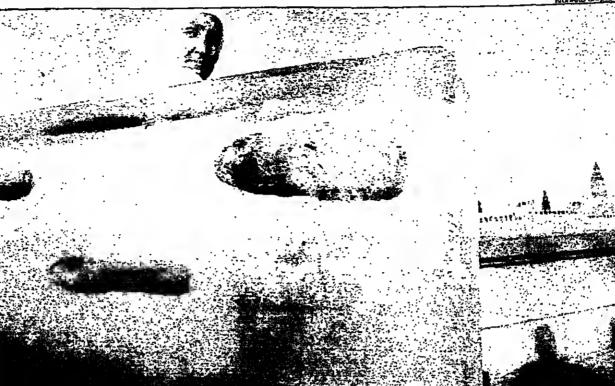
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Campaigners in chemical warfare suits unveiled a 3ft ice At cube, containing mutated fish and maize, opposite the Houses of Parliament yesterday to draw attendon to potendal risks of genetic modification. Helena Paul, of the Third

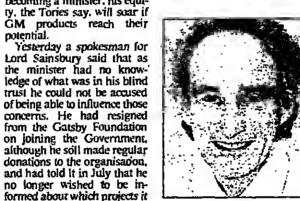
World pressure group Gaia Foundation, who is chair-woman of the campaign's steering committee, said: "So many opinion polls kept reflecting unease with generic engineering that we decided to make this opinion more visible by forming the campaign.

"We all agree that there has been no real process of public information. It is being driven too strongly by finance and the



Protesters in London yesterday, with vegetables frozen into a block of ice, calling for a five-year freeze on GM food

## Adviser who minces no words



Sir Robert May

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

SIR ROBERT MAY, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser, prefers to work mostly behind the scenes. That has nothing to do with bashful-ness, as was demonstrated yesterday in a bravura performance on Radio 4's Today.

Of the controversy over feeding experiments with a genetically modified potato alleged to have harmed rats, he said: mouth in a cocktail and find held three chairs, in three dif- a soundbite, 'Is it safe?'

that It is not a good for you, I don't draw sweeping conclo-sion that I should ban all mixed drinks."

He dismissed Lord Sainsbury of Turville's potential conflict of interest as Science Minister by dismissing him al-together. "Sainsbury plays no part in discussions on Government policy on GM foods." he said. With all due respect to David Sainsbury, he is the junior Minister for Science."

In conversation, the Austral-

ferent subjects, on three continents. makes free with vividly demotic language. Sir Robert, 63, is critical of

the coverage science gets in the media, saying that most scare stories are the result of journalists getting it wrong rather than poor government leadership. Yesterday he refused to give any snap answers. There was a whole range of complicated questions over the use and development of GM food and crops.

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# Oedipal fury drove son to murder

Kathleen Geldart: shared shopping and cinema trips with son

Psychologist compares killing to Greek tragedy, reports Paul Wilkinson

THE son of a former Tory mayor was convicted yester-day of murdering his mother in an "explosion of emotional violence" that was likened to a Greek tragedy.
Simon Geldart, 18, was or-

dered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure for batter-ing to death with a wine boule the mother with whom he had

an Oedipal-type relationship. Paul Geldart, who saw his son sentenced, had made a relevision call for the return of hanging. The former JP had also accused Tory ministers of being soft on criminals and volunteered to birch young offenders himself. He refused to comment on the sentence yester-

day, referring inquiries to the publicist Max Clifford. Asked why he was involved with Mr Clifford, he said: "I am not doing it for the money. I know the reasons why I am doing it and that is what matters."

Mr Geldart was condemned by his wife's sister, who also said that her nephew should have received the death penal-"Simon and my son were like brothers but I still believe

in a life for a life." Angela fertility treatment to conceive Hutchinson, 43, said. and had been the boy's com-Referring to the link with Mr Clifford, she said: "It is forter while his father was a strict disciplinarian. Mother very upsetting and something the rest of the family knew nothing about." and son went shopping and to the cinema together and he bought her expensive pottery. Christopher Green, a foren-

Teesside Crown Court was told that Geldart, who was 17 at the time of the murder last March, killed his mother. Kathleen, 46, because he knew

matricide, said the killing was like a scene from a Greek trag-edy. He concluded that Geldthat she would refuse his rehad suffered a "catathymic You have a son trapped in a close relationship with a mother he cannot

break away from to become a man?

sic psychiatrist and expert on

crisis", as portrayed in Greek was told that Geldart, an only mythology. "Essentially you child, had been given every ophave a son trapped in a close portunity and support by his parents, even after they direlationship with a mother he cannot break away from to become a man," he said. "He is vorced in 1995 and his father trapped as a child and this remarried a 23-year-old Tory

sults in a sudden explosion of He was 13 when his father emotional violence. first left home and an already The five-day trial was told close relationship with his that Geldari's life had been mother, a shopworker, be-came closer. She had needed crumbling despite his appar-ently stable surroundings. His

parents did not know that he had dropped out of college. He mistakenly believed that his girlfriend was pregnant and the day before the murder had been sacked from his part-time restaurant job.

On the night of the murder. the prosecution said. Geldart wanted his mother's car to meet a friend. He emptied the contents of a wine bottle before going to her bedroom, where she was dozing.Geldart

told the court: "I don't know what happened next but I remember I was hitting my mum. I put a pillow over mum's head because I didn't like what I saw." He said that he wept and said. "I'm sorry, I love you" as

he hit her several times about through her bag and took the car keys after trying to wipe her blood from the walls.

Geldart, from Darlington, denied murder because he said it was not his intention to kill his mother, but the Crown refused to accept his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished respon-sibility.



Simon Geldart told mother he loved her as he killed her

### Policemen | Road and cleared of being drunk on plane

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By Russell Jenkins

A POLICE officer and his son who is also in the force were acquitted yesterday of being drunk on board a transatlantic flight. However they could lose their jobs after the judge hranded their behaviour loud, bawdy and objectionable.

Inspector David Perrett, 49. his son Richard Perrett, 27, a constable, and Peter Beck, 55, a pub landlord, were dis-charged from the dock but Judge Ensor demanded tougher penalties and longer sentences for drunken air passengers. He also called on airlines to stop plying passengers with

alcohol on long-haul flights. Manchester Crown Court was told that the men, all from were returning from a golfing holiday in Florida, were served several gins and whis-kies and then shared a litre bottle of duty-free gin. They became aggressive and abusive.

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Judge Ensor refused a request for costs to be paid from the public purse, landing the men with a bill estimated at about £10,000. The two police officers now face an internal disciplinary hearing.

A man attacked fellow pas-

sengers on a jumbo jet and smashed an inside window after drinking three double whiskies and taking a Valium tab-let. Uxbridge magistrates were told yesterday. Lee Thresher. 29, an electrician. pleaded guilty to endangering the flight. He will be sentenced



David Perrett: faces disciplinary hearing

# air rage take a room at the hotel

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

TRASHING a botel room. swearing at staff or picking a fight with a waiter used to be the preserve of the rich and famous. Now the trend for behaving badly appears to have filtered down to the ordinary man and woman. No longer satisfied with shouting abuse at fellow motorists or air travellers, the public is taking its frustration out on hotel staff.

According to a conference organised by Strathelyde Police in Glasgow yesterday, hotel rage is the latest manifestation of what psychologists see as evidence of a breakdown in social behaviour.

Hoteliers claimed their staff were increasingly having to guests. Recent incidents included a barmaid having a glass smashed into her face after she refused to serve a customer and a fight involving 100 banqueting guests which "took half a small police force to bring to order".

Michaela Loughney, a rep-resentative of Hotel Watch, a group that monitors behaviour in Glasgow, said: "At my hotel I have witnessed physical assaults, armed robbery and have been threatened my self. People come to hotels and think they are anonymous and believe they can be-

have any way they like."

PC Michael Greville, of Strathchyde Police, said there were no exact figures but on anecdotal evidence the problem appeared to be getting worse. "It is not just the punch in the face, it is the threats and intimidation staff suffer."

Bill Fox, whose company, Maybo, specialises in personal safety, was brought in by Strathchyde Police to advise hoteliers at the conference yesterday. He said the difficulties experienced by hotel staff were no different to those encountered by workers in other jobs in the service industry. What people are saying now is that it's not acceptable and we are going to do something about the problem."

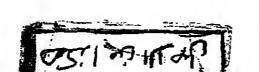
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# Abortion rise is linked to Pill scare

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE health scare four years ago over the contraceptive Pill is still causing a crisis of confidence among women, with the number of abortions continuing to rise, according to official figures released yesterday. The figures show that many

ried about the Pill and are prepared to risk an unwanted pregnancy rather than take it. For five years before the 1995 scare the abortion rate fell but it has increased steadily for all age groups between 14 and 49 ever since, growing by 4 per cent last year alone. One pregnancy in five is now delib-

women remain clearly wor-

erately terminated. Karen Dunnell, editor of Health Statistics Quarterly a new publication from the Of-fice for National Statistics, said that the rise in abortions was puzzling. "The conception rate has stopped going up and has now levelled off but the

abortion rate goes on "I think there is a general feeling that the Pill scare caused a crisis of confidence among women in methods of contraception and that will not go away. It may be one of the

reasons that larger numbers of women are deciding to use

abortion rather than the Pill." The scare began in October 1995 after reports of clinical trials suggested that the latest type of oral contraceptive contained a type of progesterone that doubled the risk of blood

clots forming in the veins. Tens of thousands of the three million women who take the Pill in Britain stopped doing so overnight, with the result that there were 23,000 extra pregnancies over the next nine months and 10,000 of them were ended by abortion. Even though later research

has shown that the Pill is not a health risk, the conception rate has never fallen back to the level it was before the scare and the proportion of abortions has grown. There were 179,700 terminations in England and Wales in 1997, compared with 177,500 in 1996 and 163,600 in

Just under 21 per cent of all pregnancies are now ended by abortion — 2 per cent more than in 1995 - and there are 4,000 more conceptions per quarter than in the three months immediately before the scare. The abortion rate is highest among 16 to 19-year-olds, with 26.7 terminations for each 1,000 women in that age group. The rate among those under 16 - the age of consent — is now 6.1 per 1,000. against 3.5 in 1971.

Close on 120,000 terminations a year are carried out on women in the 20 to 34 age group, almost three times as many as in all the other age groups combined. About 10,000 abortions a year are carried out on women coming from abroad, compared with

more than 32,000 in 1971. Life, the anti-abortion pressure group, blamed government policies for the continued rise in terminations. Angela Corless, the group's spokes-man, said: "Abortion kills unborn children. Many of these aborted babies are able to feel pain and some of them are old enough to live outside the

"Abortion is a deplorable act. This 'service' is sold to women in a sophisticated way, is readily available and very

### MRS JOLLY'S ANSWER TO THE MILLENNIUM HYPE

the Darkness of the Ages, with ten by Hilary Jolly. The music was composed by Paul Bryan. -

Through the darkness of the ages, Through the sorrows of the days, Strength of weary generations, Lifting hearts in hope and praise, Light in darkness, joy in sorrow, Presence to allay all fears.

Jesus, you have kept your promise, Faithful through two thousand Bounty of two thousand harvests,

Beauty of two thousand springs: He who framed the times and seasons

Has vouchsafed us greater things. Word of God who spoke creation Speaks forgiveness, speaks to

Gathers still his ransomed people In the life he freely gave. Countless flowers have bloomed and withered,



empires, Realms and riches lost from sight. Christ, your kingdom still increases As the centuries unfold:

Grain that fell to earth and perished Has brought forth fen thousandfold.

Master, we shall sing your praise Meen of sorrows, God of por Shell at lest bring in the flour

You return to lead us home You have promised, "Term"

# Amateur's hymn earns top praise

a competition to write a hymn for the new millennium. It will be sung by congregation and members of the Royal

Family at St Paul's Cathedral. Hilary Jolly. 52. a widow with two children, wrote Through the Darkness of the Ages for the competition organised by the cathedral. More than 550 writers and musicians from around the world, many of whom have had hymns published, submitted entries. Composers and writers sub-

mitted their tunes and texts separately. They were asked to write to a set form and metre, so that all tunes and

Ruth Gledhill meets the inspired cleaning lady who has won a millennium competition for a royal service

words matched. The hymns were judged annoymously. Mrs Jolly's words, which have won her a cut-glass rose bowl and £750, have been set to the winning tune by Paul Bryan, director of music at St John's College School, Cambridge. The hymn will be included in St Paul's service on Sunday. January 2, one of the four main millennium acts of worship in Britain on that day. Each will be attended by members of the Royal Family.

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announced which the Queen will attend. Mrs Jolly, from Cambridge,

part-time domestic and church cleaning lady, is the daughter of a Methodist mother and a Plymouth Brethren father. She did not become a Christian until her mid-thir-ties after one of those Damascus Road experiences we're told not to expect".

She described her experience of composing hymns: Walking my dog in the green places by the river on the edge of Cambridge, with my head full of Scripture and music, juggling rhymes and wres-tling with St Paul to turn his ments into poetry, has become life's greatest pleasure."
Her view of the millennium

celebrations are less enthusias tic. "I am quite frankly sickened by the millenmum hype that surrounds us. I think it is pagan and most unpleasant."

She singled out the Dome for particular criticism. "It is a temple to some of the least

pleasant things that humanity comprises. I particularly dislike the fact that it seems to have as its centrepiece a giant human figure. The millennium is about man, it is not about God."

The competition was organ-ised by Canon Michael Saward of St Paul's, the author of 80 hymns. The words and tune composed by the two runners-up will be included in a service at the cathedral on Saturday, January 8, arranged for young people, the voluntary sector and Londoners generally. The winning entries and runners-up are on the St Paul's website: http://stpauls.

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Marine is stripped of his medal

A Royal Marine who kicked and punched a comrade at the funeral wake of a young corp-oral was fined £1,000 and stripped of his good conduct medal yesterday. John O'Connell, 40, now a civilian warehouseman, was a Warrant Officer Class I and the Marines' most senior bugler at the time. He lost his temper when a friend, while larking about, dropped a tie pin made in memory of those killed in the IRA bombing of the RM band's barracks at Deal, Kent. O'Connell admitted assault before a court martial.

### Lure for students

British universities are trying to boost their share of the lucrative Australian postgradu-ate student market. The British Council has launched a campaign in Sydney aimed at increasing the number of feepaying Australian students by 70 per cent in the next three years, to more than 3,000.

### Car plates blitz

Police are to crack down on motorists who customise their car number plates, making them difficult to identify. Fines of up £1,000 could fotlow a warning Lord Whitty, the Roads Minister, said: These number plates are illegal and can hamper law en-forcement."

### Balloon delay

The launch of the all-British round-the-world ballooning attempt has been delayed until this morning, leaving more time for their only rivals to catch them up. Andy Elson and Colin Present discovered problems as their 191ft balloon was inflated on a golf course in Almeria, Spain.

### Cocaine mishap

A girl aged three are cocaine that she thought was sherbet after it was hidden in a discarded fridge outside her home in Newcastle upon Tyne. Hospital tests revealed no lasting ill effects. A couple unknown to the family were later remanded in custody on a drug-dealing charge.

### Home from home

Housebuyers are spending up to a week in their cars for the chance to save EI5,000 on a family home. The queue outside the sales office on a former Royal Navy housing estate at Crownhill, Plymouth, stretched 200 yards yesterday although the sale does not begin until Saturday.

### CORRECTION

A caption to a photograph (February 15) of a rally in Jerusalem should have described those attending as orthodox. not secular. Jews.

# Meningitis boy's parents may sue

THE parents of a boy who died of meningitis are considering legal action after he was sent home twice by doctors who diagnosed influenza. Robbie Kennedy, 9, fell ill within minutes of arriving at

his father's house after a tootball training session. Derek-Kennedy, 34, an advertising agency manager, telephoned his GP but was told nobody could visit for three hours.

He and his estranged wife, Becky, 33, were so worried that they took Robbie to the Riverside clinic in Ipswich, which offers an out-of-hours service for local GPs:

Mr Kennedy said: "He was delirious with fever, had cold hands, a stiff neck, a high temperature and would not settle. The duty GP said he had all. the signs of meningitis but it was very unlikely because Rob-bie was able to bend his back forward. He said it was more

likely that he had flu and ad-

vised us to give him paracetomol, put him to bed and wipe him with a sponge. We asked if we should take him to hospital but we were told not to." He said his son began to de-

teriorate rapidly after returning to his home in Rushmere. near ipswich, on Friday. "I called my wife again and we contacted the clinic, which advised us to bring him in at 2am. He was examined by a different doctor but she would still not refer him to hospital. The doctor told us to put

him to bed. He was lying dead in bed when my wife checked on him at Sam on Saturday." David Cocks, chief executive of Suffolk Doctors On Call. whose Ipswich base is at Riverside clinic, declined to comment on Robbie's death. He said: "We are a co-operative service representing 309 GPs in the county who take turns to be on call out of hours. All patients are seen by GPs."



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# Winter in paradise? No thanks

We'd rather stay in Yeovil, say workers offered Bahamas trip. Simon de

Bruxelles reports GIVEN the choice between the palm-fringed beaches of the Bahamas and a wet winter in the West Country, most people would not think twice. But 19 technicians with Westland heli-

copters have turned down the chance to exchange the grey skies of Yeovil in Somerset for

three months on an island described as a tropical paradise.
The technical and support staff were members of a 32-strong team due to depart wast weekend for extended trials of the firm's new EH-101 Merlin helicopter. The 13 who went will spend three months on the island of Andros, which boasts eight hours sunshine a day and a February tempera-ture of 25C. The island is famed for its powder-white beaches, its unique wildlife in-

cluding iguanas and exotic birds, and its 140 miles of unspoilt coral reef. Back home in Yeovil, where the aver-February temperature is 8C, there is swimming in the municipal pool, the wildlife consists of stray dogs

and urban foxes, and the only ree's are the rusting shopping trolleys in the River Yeo. GKN Westland had handpicked the support staff for the anti-submarine training and weapons trials due to take place on a US Navy weapons range. The members of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union were offered a 10 per cent "hardship" allow-

ing conditions. This gave a

warning that the sojourn in

the Bahamas would not be a holiday. Support staff would

eo trench in the ocean floor.

The EH-101 Merlin: lack of testing staff

ance and given a brochure outlining their job and the work-

The nightlife in Nassau is



GKN Westland's factory in Yeovil: management is finding it hard to entice staff away

be sharing quarters at the US Navy base on Andros and it pointed out that because there is no public transport on the is-land there would be little op-

portunity for sight-seeing. One engineer said: sounds to me if we would be fried in the sun or eaten alive by jelly fish. It may sound great with all those beaches and coral reefs but we could be working 12-hour days and sleeping two in a room." Terry Stone, the MSF's rep-

resentative at GKN Westland. said: This is certainly not a holimonths with pretty sparse facilities. We are in negotiations about the best way to solve this

was asked there

would go. I don't like flying for starters and I am not too keen on boats." A spokeswoman for the Bahamas Tourist office said Andros was one of the most beautiful and least developed islands in the region. She said: "Andros is para-

dise. It has some of the most beautiful beaches. It is a wonderful place to go snorkelling and scuba diving. I cannot imagine why anyone would not want to go to Andros, even to work, because when you finished your shift it would be lovely to relax there.

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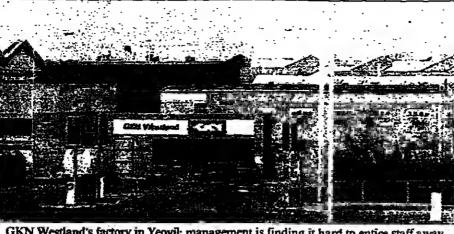




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only a 15-minute flight away and surely being in the Bahamas now must be better than being in the UK."

Chris Loney, GKN Westland's public affairs director. said: The situation won't affect the development and introduction programme. I can un-derstand some of the reasons for not going, they don't want to share rooms because of a lack of privacy. But there is not a lot we can find in the way of alternative facilities at the base. The options open to us

now are to look for staff who want to go or to adjust the premium to make it satisfactory

for those who won't go.
"We have been in discussion on the terms for some time but there are still 19 who are unsatistied with the premium and conditions offered to them. It does seem like a great job and I think if I had the chance to go I probably would. The idea of getting a suntan in February is very appealing but it is horses for courses really and every-



### Couple sue over two failed

vasectomies BY PAUL WILKINSON

NORTH WEST CORRESPONDENT

A FATHER of three who had two more children in spite of hospital that carried out the operations.

Thomas Brennan, the consultant who performed both operations, said the chances of it failing were about 3,000:1 but is was unheard of for it to fail twice. 'To my knowledge this

has never happened," he said. Yesterday John Pickett, 47, a computer programme manager with BT, and his wife. Pauline, 41, a clinical psychologist, brought an action at the High Court in Leeds for compensation against St James's Hospital, Leeds. They want the money to provide care for-Louise-Charlotte, 7, and Emily. 4, born as a result of the failed vasectomies. The couple, from Roundhay, Leeds, have another three daughters of their own and an adopted son. Mr Pickett would not accept that Emily was his until tests proved it.

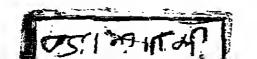
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# BA frying that

to open a chain of restaurants!

While travellers used to in-flight meals might scoff at the departure, BA are sure it will take off.

The airline has hired Roy Ackerman owner of London's posh restaurants Chez Nico and the Gay Hussar - to help it into the down-to-earth food and drink market.

BA is well on the way to finalising plans for a 15,000 sq ft pilot scheme in London's former County Hall, and is considering opening other restaurants around the

BRITISH AIRWAYS is cooking up a plan country. It books to give disease dishes whose the said

One-project marker said (1) Sweller le great to know that the lotter year an eating in London was flown in from New England that morning."

Bosses are hoping the project will feet some much-needed cash into the airline Last week BA nose-diver into the red for the first time since privatisation in 1987 by reporting losses of £75 million for the last three months of 1998.

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# Restaurants by BA!

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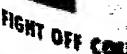




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# Police finger the Stone Age potter

By Dalya Alberge arts correspondent

THE cast of a Neolithic finger has helped a museum to solve a 5.000-year-old mystery: Stone Age man's fingerprints were the same as our own.

The discovery would not have been possible without the help of the City of London Police. They were called in to help the Museum of London's inquiries into a sizeable frag. inquiries into a sizeable frag-ment of pot that entered the museum's collection in 1914 after it was dredged up from the Thames near Mortlake, to the

southwest of the capital.

The pot's Stone Age maker had decorated it with crescentshaped indentations around the rim by prodding a finger into the wet clay. When experts took a cast of the holes with silicone rubber, they found a fingerprint and the impression of a particularly thick and badly chipped nail.

Michael Crockett, the police

fingerprints officer, said: "This is so far away from my normal



Michael Crockett, the fingerprints officer, with the pot

sphere of work, which is trying to chase criminals. To find something left 5,000 years ago is extremely rewarding. To find any fingerprint gives you

The structure of Neolithic fingerprints, it emerged, was no different from our own. with ridges flowing from one side of the finger to the other. Simon Thurley, the muse-um's director, said the fingerprint provided another clue as

to what prehistoric man looked like. What we could learn from skeletons was limited because so few of the bones had survived. "Did their flesh look like ours? What did their fingernails look like? This puts

the flesh on the bones." The pot - on display at the museum until Sunday - may have been made for domesor use. Jon Cotton, curator of prehistory at the museum, said that because it was found in

tossed into the water as a sacri-ficial offering. "Pots were also often broken and it is thought that this may have been done on purpose to remove it to the spirit world."

He added that the fingerprint discovery "opens up an-other avenue of inquiry", prompting researchers to re-think the image of Neolithic man as primitive.

Such pots were built of ropes of clay joined together and perhaps decorated by more than one member of a family: they might have been passed around a camp fire to while away an evening. Unlike this example, the decoraoon was usually made with

socks or bones.

Although the police used a high-intensity light source to raise the ridges on the surface. there was not enough informarion to form any picture of the individual. The small size of the nail and the print suggest that it may have been made by



### PC 'hit to floor' at Lawrence inquiry

A POLICE officer told a court yesterday that he was punched to the ground as members of the Nation of Islam tried to storm the Stephen

Lawrence inquiry last year.
PC Stephen Dukamp said
they anempted to force entry to the inquiry building on the day five men suspecied of be-ing involved in the teenager's death were due to give evidence. As police struggled to keep order in the fover there was a short-lived "explosion of

violence".
PC Dukamp told Southwark Crown Court in London: "At least three of the Nation of Islam came on top of me. I felt a punch in the shoulder fol-lowed by several other blows to my head and body. I was then punched to the floor. Another officer to my left was be-

ing punched."
The officer said he was able to arrest his attacker. Rasaki Yesufu-Muhammad, "I repeated to him that he was under arrest for assault and violent dis-order." Mr Yesufu-Muhammad, from Northolt, West London, denies affray on June 29

### Triads are cashing in on credit card fraud

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CHINESE triad gangs are being linked to an explosion in credit card fraud. Losses involving Briosh cardholders jumped from £9.6 million in 1994 to £20 million last year.

Details taken from cards used in shops or restaurants in Britain are sent to the Far East in minutes and transferred onto fake cards. The fakes are used on the same day.
Sophisticated fakes carrying

details of foreign consumers are also brought into Britain and account for a further £13 million a year in losses. which have to be met by the credit card companies.

Couriers known as "mules" carry the forged cards into Britain. They are controlled by a senior member of the gang known as a "jockey" and are sent on shopping sprees to buy luxury goods that are exported to the Far East for resale. Wayne Smith, head of the

National Criminal Intelligence Service specialist crime unii. said yesterday thal detec-tives had traced gangs moving across Europe buying designer goods and jewellery. Triad members had also been found in Britain using specialist equipment to make fake cards.

### Hotel will score softly with fans of United

By Russell Jenkins NORTH WEST

THE television chef Gary Rhodes is a big Manchester United fan, But he baulked at the prospect of serving the club's own-brand champagne and red wine in the brasserie that bears his name at the official Manchester United hotel,

which opened yesterday.

Likewise the Ill bedrooms of the three-star-hotel, newly completed at a cost of £5 million at Water's Reach, only a free kick away from Old Trafford, are mercifully free of Eric Cantona portraits or other United-related themes.

The average business traveller could be forgiven for thinking he was staying at any other modern, comfortable, midprice rival. The Quality Hotel. Manchester, is not even named after United.

ship clash against Arsenal.



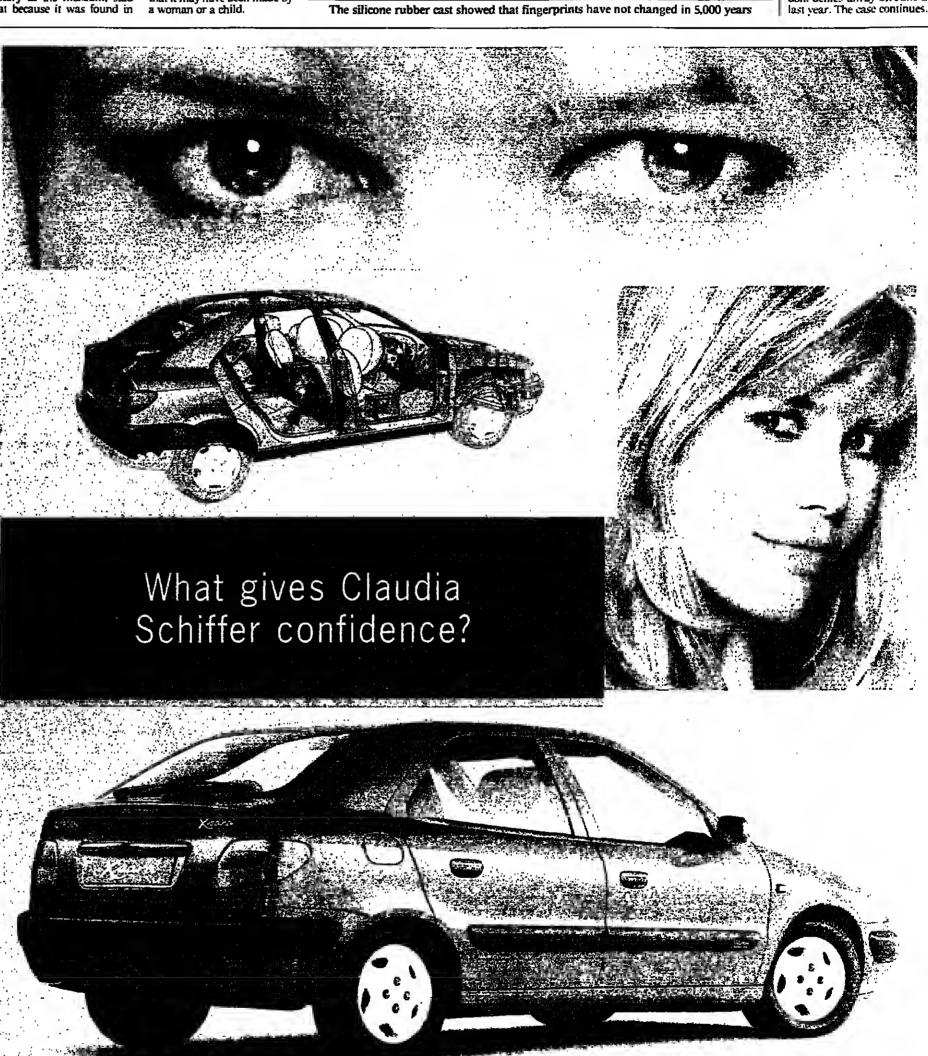
But they should be warned that it is likely to be fully booked either side of match days by supporters who want to wake up and see the towering north stand from their bedroom window. The hotel, 25 per cent owned by the club, is already heavily booked, at £98.50 for an executive twin room, for lonight's Premier-

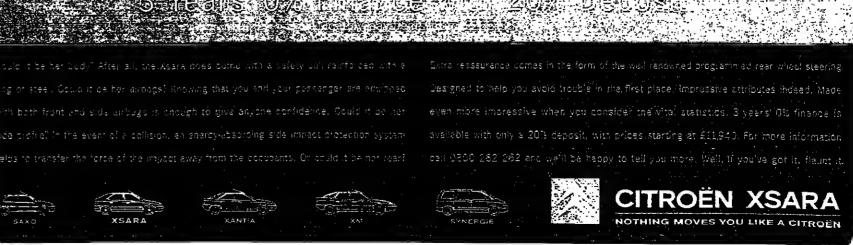


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# boosted by poll

By James Landale POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BREAKAWAY pro-European Tories could win seats in this summer's Euro-elections after a MORI poll showed that a pro-single currency Conserva-tive grouping could secure about II per cent of the vote.

Under the new system of proportional representation being used in eleven multimember regions, this would be enough votes for the group to secure at least one seat in each region where they put up

The research was commissioned by Brendan Donnelly and John Stevens, two MEPs whn resigned from the Tory party last month to form the

Pro-euro Conservative Party. Some 52 per cent of respond-ents said they would vote Labour. 26 per ceni Tory. Bul when asked how they would vote if breakaway Conservatives formed a pro-euro party. only 20 per cent said they would back William Hague: Il per cent said they would vnte for the pro-euro party.

# Pro-euro Labour 'torn apart' by Welsh feuding

SENIOR Labour MPs yesterday moved in prevent the Welsh party descending into civil war after the result next weekend of the bitterly divisive ballot on who should head the

sive ballot on who should head the Cardiff assembly.

The group of leadership loyalists urged activists to bury their differences after Saturday's decision as one leading MP said the party had been "torn apart" by the campaign between Alun Michael and Rhodri Morgan.

li emerged last night that if he wins, Mr Michael will move immediately to offer his rival a job in the Principality's new administration. However, the Michael camp was hit by last-minute jitters after concerns that the GMB's expected support would fail to materialise. Mr Morgan's supporters were claiming strong support from GMB members in local consultations.

The manoeuvring paved the way for an edgy final 48 hours' campaigning before the result is officially declared. The divisions have been emphasised by charges that Mr Michael, the Welsh Secretary and Tony Blair's favoured candidate, is being imposed by the Labour leader-

ship.
Welsh party grandees — Paul
Murphy, the Northern Ireland Min-

Senior MPs move to stop leadership battle turning into

civil war, report Valerie Elliott and

**Roland Watson** 

ister, Kim Howells, Trade and Industry Minister, Alan Howarth. Minister for Arts, and Don Touhig. chairman of the Welsh group of MPs — called for unity. "We hope that the party will accept the result on Saturday. When the result is known we have to pur this leadership contest behind us and concen-

trate on winning a Labour majority in the assembly," they said. The statement was also signed by the MPs Sir Ray Powell and Llew Smith. A similar exercise by North Wales MPs was led by Barry Jones and Gareth Thomas. The moves were seen as a sign of the divisions. One senior loyalist said: 'The party has been torn apart. It has been personally vitriolic. Alun Michael, if he wins, has a very big job to do in try-

ing to build up the grass roots." Mr Michael's supporters believe their man is shading the race, but Mr Morgan's camp point out that the great unknown in the electoral arithmetic is the constituency section, making up a third of the final result. Polls show it is running three-to-one in favour of Mr Morgan.

However, Mr Michael was hang-

ing on the GMB result, with Mr Morgan's supporters claiming that members had supported him by four-to-one in regions where there had been a ballot.

Although the votes are not binding on the GMB leadership, there were signs last night that Alan Garley, the GMB regional secretary. may delay the result until Friday. There was even speculation that the union, which represents 6.2 per cent of the final vote, could abstain, which would be a severe blow to Mr

Mr Morgan was buoyed by votes from a branch ballot of the shop-workers union USDAW, and backing from the Transport Salaried Staffs Association and the builders'

John Shortridge, 51. director ut economic affairs in the Welsh Of-fice, was yesterday named as Permanent Secretary to the assembly.



Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, competing in a pancake-tossing race in aid of Rehab UK, a charity for the disabled, in Westminster yesterday

### £30m to upgrade casualty units

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than £30 million is to be spent on hospital casualty departments to shorten waiting times, improve privacy and security and buy modern equipment. Tony Blair announced yesterday.

One in three accident and emergency departments are to get grants from the Depart-ment of Health's £I billion modernisation fund, which is also funding the nurses' pay award. An experienced con-sultant with expertise in A&E services will also be appointed to lead a team spearheading a national drive for improve-ments in all casualty depart-

Visiting North Hampshire
Hospital in Basingstoke yesterday, the Prime Minister said the rooney would go on 80 different schemes in 70 hospitals, including better facilities for children, for resuscitation and reducing the number of pa-

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## Beware tax returns by politicians

dom go together. Figures are distorted, claims exaggerated and the underlying tax and spending dilemma facing all governments is ignored. So when the Tories launch a campaign calling for hones-ty in taxation, scepticism is in order. Nonetheless,

Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, has hit one of his two targets, while curiously ig-noting another. Mr Maude argues that Labour gave a misleading impression of its tax plans before the last election. Gordon Brown's repeated pledge that La-

hour would no raise the basic and higher rates of inraise the basic and come tax, and ON POLITICS would not extend VAT, allowed him plenty of leeway on other tax rises, as a number of us pointed out

at the time. Claims by Tooy Blair and the Chancellor that they had "no plans to in-crease tax at all" and "our proposals do not involve raising taxes" may have been technically correct since firm plans did not exist, apart, mainly, from the windfall levy on utilities. But Mr Brown and his advisers knew before the elec-tion that other tax increases were likely, if not certain, to be needed, and they did disguise their probable inten-

Since May 1997 we have had the tax on the dividend income of pension funds, reductions in mortgage tax relief and the married couples' allowance (carrying on where the Tories left off). bigger rises in excise duties than had been previously planned, and increases in Maude has a fair point in describing these as stealth taxes, though Mr Brown might regard this as a com-

The Tories have gone on to argue that, as a result, the tax burden is rising quickly under Labour. The burden, defined as net taxes and social security contribu-

35.4 per cent of national income in the last Conserva-tive year of 1996-97 to 37 per cent in 2001-02. But according to the Red Book at the time of the last Conservative Budget in November 1996, the share was projected to rise more, to 38 per cent in 2001-02.

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This does not, of course, mean that Labour has somehow been more successful in holding the tax burden: instead, its increases have been offset by the buoyancy of national income. All this shows how tricky it is to

hold down the tax burden. Mr Maude argues that "one of the great mistakes of the last Conservative Gov-

enough that there is also a strong social case for lower taxes. If people are taxed less, they are able to do more, not just for themselves but for their families and their communities." But how? It is no good

willing lower taxes without saying how the state is to become smaller. Which services and welfare commitments are to be shifted to the private sector? At present, Labour pretends that public services can be improved without raising the taxes of ordinary people (when they are, in fact, being raised by stealth), while the Tories pretend it is possible to have lower taxes without cutting back on core public and welfare services (when the tax burden is very hard to cut).

uriously, Mr Maude has not yet made much of the redistributive aspect of Labour's policies. Mr Brown's various tax increases, coupled with abandonment of universal benefits, and the introduction of student fees, have shifted money from the middle class to expand help for the poor. But no Chancellor, or Shadow Chancelior, is every really candid about taxes.

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A poster of Abdullah Ocalan is hung out by Kurdish protesters occupying the Kenyan Embassy in Bonn

# Greeks admit hiding rebel Kurdish chief in embassy

THE Greek Government yesterday was forced into an embarrassing admission that it had given secret diplomatic shelter to Abdullah Ocalan, leader of the Kurdish guerrilla group PKK, who is wanted in Turkey for lerrorism.

Politician

Coming after weeks of strenuous denials, the admission was certain to send Greek-Turkish relations, always problematic, to the cliff edge.
Theodore Pangalos, the

Greek Foreign Minister, told a press conference that Mr Ocalan had been under Greek diplomatic protection at the embassy in Nairobi, from where he vanished on Monday, only to turn up captured in Turkey early yesterday.

Rumours of the Kurdish chieftain's capture apparently triggered Kurdish militant attacks on Greek embassies and consulates in 13 European cities on Monday night.

Mr Pangalos appeared intent on appeasing a trium-phant Turkey by condemning the attacks on the embassics and the taking of hostages as "utter brutality", threatening that he would order "merciless treatment" of the occupiers if they did not quit the em-

bassies within the day. Despite the tough talk, it seemed clear that Turkish suspicions that Greece and its left-wing Government are abetting the Kurdish cause were confirmed to some degree. Mr Pangalos said Mr Ocalan was put up at Greek Athens red-faced after fugitive is captured by Turkey, writes

John Carr

diplomatic premises in Nairobi for 12 days after abortive attempts to seek political asy-lum elsewhere. Against Greek advice. Mr Ocalan wanted to leave for The Netherlands. Somewhere between the

Greek Embassy and Nairobi Airport, Mr Pangalos said, the car in which the PKK leader was riding "suddenly vecred away out of a convoy and disappeared". Greek diplomats who were following were apparently unable to give pursuit. Hours later Bu-lent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, said that Mr Ocalan

was captive in Instanbul. Pro-Kurdish politicians in Greece, both left-wing and right-wing, were quick to accuse the Government of Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, of negligence or worse. Most commentators on Greek television said the Government had made it easy for the Turks to seize their prey in the interests of maintaining smooth Greek-Turkish relations. In previous weeks Mr Simitis had denied having dealings with the PKK leader.

## Britain fears new terrorist attacks

By Michael Evans, defence editor

London and other capitals over the deportation to Turkey of Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), has raised the serious prospect of an escalation in violence in this country.

There is also concern that

the PKK might repeat their anacks on holidaymakers in Turkish resorts which caused a number of Briosh injuries at Marmaris in 1994.

A Foreign Office warning
urges holidaymakers bound for Turkish resorts to be vigilant. This has been underlined recently by Iraq's threats of terrorism because of Turkey's permission for its bases to be used for US and Briosh combat air patrols. However, the Foreign Office

and other government departments yesterday were taking a deliberately unprovocative line to avoid worsening what was already a potendally dangerous situation.

Although the protests were being seen as a carefully ism in this country.

THE eruption of protests in staged demonstration to gain maximum publicity for the rebel leader, the security authorities are aware of the potential for increased violence as Turkey prepares to try Mr Ocalan on terrorist charges.

The many Kurdish supporters of the PKK living in Britain are regarded by the police and MIS as legitimate dissidents, who are allowed to stay in this country provided they pose no threat to Britain's security and do not become involved in plotting violent acts abroad.

The revamped Prevention of

Terrorism Act specifically includes action against people living in Britain as political refugees who are suspected of in-citing violence in their countries of birth or elsewhere.

With the latest demonstradons over the detention of Mr Ocalan, the fear being expressed yesterday was that support for the PKK leader over the Kurdish issue and could escalate to acts of terror-

# Turks inherit Ocalan dilemma

THE anger of PKK sympathisers in urope contrasted with the stunned jubilation inside Turkey that the country's Public Enemy No I was now under lock and key. But Abdullah Ocalan remains the world's hottest potato and Ankara may now find itself confronted with the very dilemma that persuaded European capitals to keep him at arm's length.

Mr Ocalan will face trial in Turkey for his leadership of a bloody insurrection that the authorities say has cost nearly 30,000 lives. While many of Turkey's esomated 12 million Kurds may have no sympathy for these violent methods, the judi-cial proceedings held under the glare of international publicity will evoke deep passions.

There has not been an execution in

Turkey since 1984, but the judiciary will come under pressure to make an exception. The authorities will be damned for making Mr Ocalan a martyr if they hang him and accused of caving in if they do not.

"He was a headache for the Italian Government and he is going to be one for us too," said a serior Turkish Foreign Ministry official in a reference to the crossfire that confronted Massimo D'Alema, the Italian Prime Minister, when Mr Ocalan was in Italian custody.

Such pessimism was not the immediate view of Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, who yesterday broke the news himself. Turks go to the polls on April 18 in a hard-fought contest between at least seven political parties - including one with a Kurdish nadonalist tinge. A few extra percentage points in the Govern-ment's popularity that the capture is bound to bring may make all the dif-ference to the poliocal fortunes of Mr

Turkish pressure was largely responsible for forcing Mr Ocalan to abandon his long-term headquarters in Damascus at the end of last year and then to flee from Moscow. This strategy appeared to have backfired when Mr Ocalan went to Italy with the apparent consent of the Government. Ankara's fears that the PKK was winning international credibility and making the difficult transition from "terrorists" to "freedom fight-

ers" appeared to be coming true. But Mr Ecevit's quiet diplomacy appears to have succeeded in preenting this, where the outrage and threats of economic sanctions issued by the Turkish Government he replaced had failed. And in the end the Kurdish leader found no safe place to hide. The US, which brands the PKK as a terrorist organisation, also played its role. Washington sees Mr Ocalan as a destabilising influence not just on its ally. Turkey, but also on the Kurdish community under US protection in northern Iraq.

Even so. Turkey's allies, including the US, have consistently urged Ankara to get on with poliocal reforms

that would allow greater minority rights for its Kurds and deprive the PKK of its moral ammunition. The official Turkish response has always been that it could not make conces-sions that would be perceived as a sign of weakness

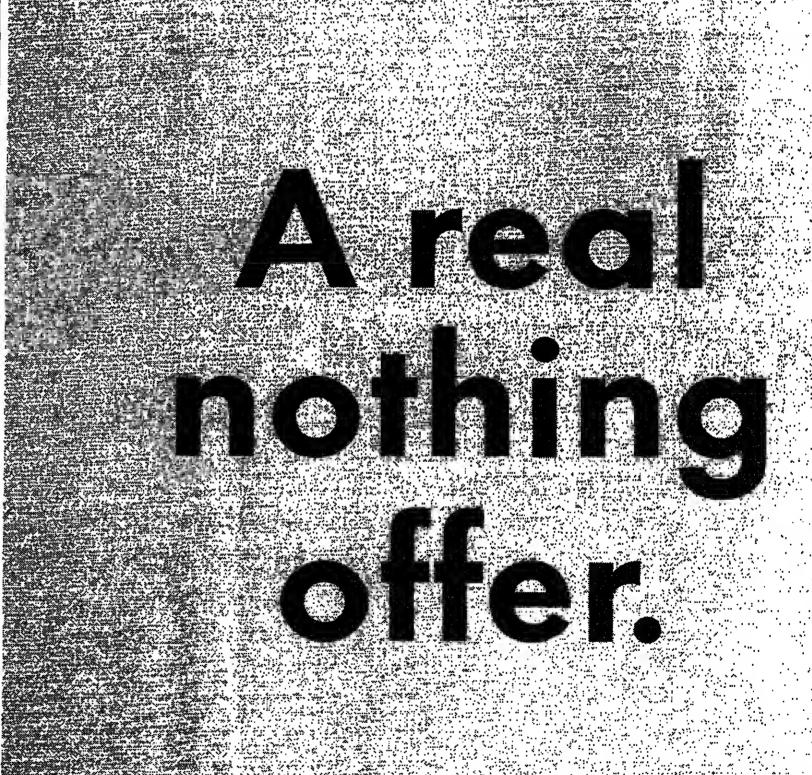
Turkey's treatment of its famous prisoner will now come under intense scrutiny. Mr Ocalan is not, however, the first senior PKK leader to find himself behind bars. Last year Turkey detained Semdin Sakik, the organisation's principal field commander. Some of the subsequent confessions were leaked to the press, including a less than credible admission that the PKK was responsible for the assassination of Olof Palme. the former Swedish Prime Minister.

It seems almost certain that Turkey's intelligence forces will try to use the ome in the run-up to the trial to discredit the PKK further and drive a wedge in the growing divide reported between Mr Ocalan and those of his supporters still under arms. The Turkish Army, 100, can be relied upon to press the advantage against a highly hierarchical organisation that has now been deprived of

If Mr Ocalan's detention really does bring the fighting in the south-east of Turkey to an end, then the country will indeed have something

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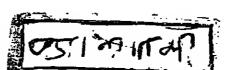




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# Serbs must go or we fight on, says rebel chief

ovo Liberation Army (KLA) yesterday dismissed the possibility of disarming or dishanding his guerrilla forces as part of any negotiated settlement that stopped short of giving full independence to the southern Serbian province.

"Zone commanders such as myself are members of the General Staff," said the fighter, known as Commander Remi. one of the most senior KLA officers remaining in Kosovo. "We obey our orders, but the General Staff is fighting for the freedom of Kosovo, so we don't expect orders to disarm or disband. We'll put our weapons in warehouses only when we have liberated

Commander Remi is in charge of the most vital of the seven KLA operational zones which divide Kosovo. Included in his area of responsibility is the municipality of the provincial capital, Pristina, as well as the vital highway run-ning north which connects Kosovo to Serbia. Though only 27, the former law student, who interrupted his studies to fight, has previous combat experience gained in the Yugoslav Special Forces during the Croatian war in 1991.

THE American mediator of

the Kosovo peace talks, Chris

Hill, flew to Belgrade last night for emergency discus-sions with President Milosevic

Earlier his exasperated col-

leagues had reminded both

the Serbs and ethnic Albani-

ans that the policing and mili-

tary aspects of the deal on of-

fer, including the Nato "Kfor"

implementation force, were non-negotiable. The Serbs yes-

terday submitted written comments on progress so far,

which prompted Mr Hill's

shuttle to Belgrade. Western of-

of Yugoslavia.



Nothing short of independence will do, a defiant Kosovo guerrilla commander tells Anthony Loyd in Lapastica

deal being discussed by negoti-

ators in France - among them

a five-man KLA deputation -

include not only the destruc-

tion of the KLA as a military

force but the re-creation of a

Kosovo police force with Serb as well as ethnic Albanian

membership, and a shared defence policy with Serbia. According to Commander

Remi, none of these points is

negotiable. "The KLA is get-

ting stronger by the day." he said. "I am hoping that we will

be accepted by the international community just as our repre-

sentatives have been accepted

tonomous region, the zone commander stipulated: "Free-

dom means not only the with-

drawal of police and military

forces from Yugoslavia, but

the constitution of a new state

with a new system as Albani-ans wish. And as far as unifica-tion with Albania? It's an on-

Rejecting the idea of an au-

at Rambouillet.

His fighters have the best record of any in the KLA. Well armed and equipped, they have encroached to within 500 yards of the arterial road north and have held their gound against repeated Serb

Ironically, 80 per cent of their weaponry, which in-cludes grenade- launchers. mortars and fire-and-forget ano-tank systems, they have bought from mafia gangs inside Serbia. The Serbs who sell to us are the clever ones." one of Commander Remi's deputy commanders declared. They profit from what is inevitable. That is a wiser thing to do than come here and die." Speaking with succinct artic-

ulation at his headquarters in Lapastica, an ethnic Albanian village 21 miles north of Pristina, Commander Remi appeared well briefed on developments from the sturnbling peace efforts at Rambouillet. Key defence points of the

ficials speculated that he was

hoping to win Mr Milosevic's

consent to the political aspects

of the deal, leaving aside mili-tary and policing "annexes". The Serbs made it clear yes-

terday that allowing Nato into

Kosovo unopposed, and the

withdrawal of almost 15,000

special police, are unaccept-

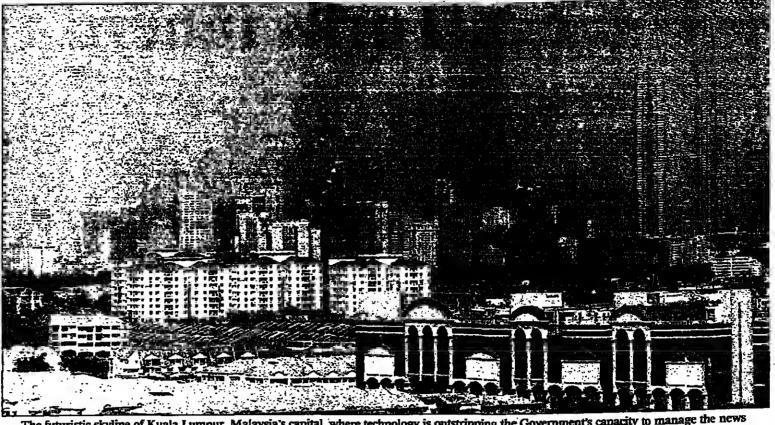
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an mediators still frustrated.

going process, but a slow one." Paradoxically, the Ram-bouillet talks seem to be found-US envoy has crisis ering not on the KLA's refusal to accept the terms offered to them in France - for the negotalks with Milosevic dations have not progressed far enough even to touch on these issues — but on Belgrade's refusal to accept Nato troops on its soil.

Beyond the failure of negotiadons in France, the escalation of war Into Kosovo's towns and ultimate victory, Commander Remi was also considering his own future. The man with cold, one-dimensional blue eyes, a face grey and drawn with lines suggest-ing at least an extra decade to his youth, wants to return to the study of law.

representatives are appalled "My ambition is to go to Tirana and finish my last year that their people's army will disappear under Nato superat the faculty studying. But my vision. Saturday's deadline for a deal is fast approaching. intentions to take care of our with US, Russlan and Austriarmy may never let me go," he



The futuristic skyline of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital, where technology is outstripping the Government's capacity to manage the news

## Techno-dissidents outwit government

IN MALAYSIA. George Or-well's vision of 1984 is having to contend with Windows 98 as the internet and e-mail outrun the attempts of the Government to manage information and control dissent.

The attempts by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed. the Prime Minister, to turn Malaysians into technically sophisticated inhabitants of the 21st century is backfiring in ways he never anticipated. Opposition Internet sites and links run into their hundreds. far outstripping the techno-dissent in China and Indonesia at the time of the removal of President Suharto.

Dr Mahathir's pet project is Linear City, a high-tech zone to run from central Kuala Lumpur to the new international airport. Projects like this, along with Malaysia's role as an assembly base for Japanese electronic technology, mean that Net access and competence are high. The Government has failed

to grasp that control of radio, television and the press can be easily circumvented. Nearly verbatim accounts of the controversial trial of Anwar Ibrahim, the former Deputy Prime Minister, are now appearing on the Net simultaneously with the bowdlerised versions in the local media.

INTERNATIONAL

Malaysia's ambitions to join the Internet revolution have backfired, writes David Watts in Kuala Lumpur

When a news agency flash from the Anwar trial appeared on a dissident Internet site within minutes recently, the Special Branch temporarily detained the reporter and accused him of "conspiring" with the Opposition. In reality, a hacker had broken into the agency service and "borrowed" the report.

firms that dissident sites have received two million calls over the past few months. Archives of background material, including the sound of Mr Anwar's speeches, can be downloaded from the Net. One of the earliest is the service run by M. G. G. Pillai, a veteran local journalist, who started his Sangkancil network three years ago, frustrated at the poor quality of local reporting and comment. He started with between 500 and 600 subscribers for material which is mostly in English. The total is now about 1,900 and includes senior figures throughout South-East Asia, In addition, his articles are printed and distributed in samizdat form.

people have access to the material and a lawyer passes on 300 copies. Once, when a taxi driver realised Mr Pillai was in his car, he pulled out a sheaf of articles and let him ride for free. The low cost of accessing

Internet information — usua ly the price of a local tele-phone call — means that information is widely available and there is no question of trying to license computers and computer equipment, in the way that the Russians used to license photocopiers and typewriters. The Government has tried to block certain sites. but even that avenue has been scaled off by opposition site operators who use sophisticated encryption technology to protect their material and now base their sites offshore. So discredited is the mainstream print media that the newspaper of the opposition Islamic Party of Malaysia now outsells the New Straits Times by two to one.

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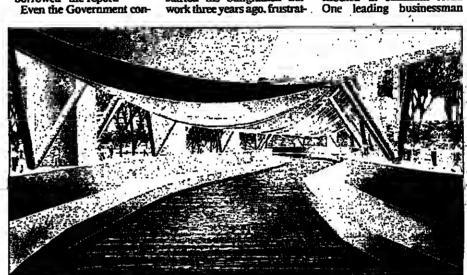
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An artist's impression of Linear City, a high-technology zone of Kuala Lumpur

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## Russia scraps naval exercises with Britain

**DEFENCE EDITOR** 

AN AGREEMENT between the Russian Navy and Royal Navy to hold joint exercis-es as part of an attempt to forge closer mili-tary links has been scrapped by Moscow after only 12 months, in protest at Britain's involvement in bombing Iraq.

The naval agreement was signed in December 1997 by George Robertson, the De-

fence Secretary, and Marshal Igor the time being, because of the bombing Sergeyev, the Russian Defence Minister. at a ceremony in Moscow.

The concept of joint naval exercises with Russia was hailed as an example of the Government's "defence diplomacy" under which the British military would play a part in improving relations with Moscow. However, according to Ministry of Defence sources, the Russians have pulled out of the agreement, at least for joint naval exercises were planned.

campaign in Iraq last December.

HMS Somerset, a Royal Navy Type 23 frigate, held a one-day exercise with Rus-sian warships off St Petersburg in June last year. Later a Russian warship, the Be-spokoiny, arrived at Plymouth and took part in an exercise with HMS Norfolk, another Type 23 frigate, including a search and rescue training operation. Further

## Military link taints leader in Nigeria's presidential race

FROM SAM KILEY IN LAGOS

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO yesterday emerged as the front-runner in Nigeria's elections for a civilian Government, but deep suspicions remain over whether the former major-general would herald another cycle of military rule, this time by soldiers in multi.

An internationally respected figure, Mr Obasanjo is seen by many Western Governments as the leader they would most like to see handle the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Africa's most populous country.

But his many critics in Nigeria have been made uneasy by the substantial donations he has made to his People's Democratic Party, which they believe could not have come from his own coffers. They also claim there was widespread buying of votes among party delegates at the weekend when Mr Obasanjo was selected as presidential



Obasanjo: doubts over democratic credentials

As a former officer who led a commando contingent with distinction during the 1960s in the Biafra war. Mr Obasanjo, 61, is reviled among many fellow Yorubas in the southwest of the country because of his popularity in the senior echelons of the army, which is dominated by the Muslim

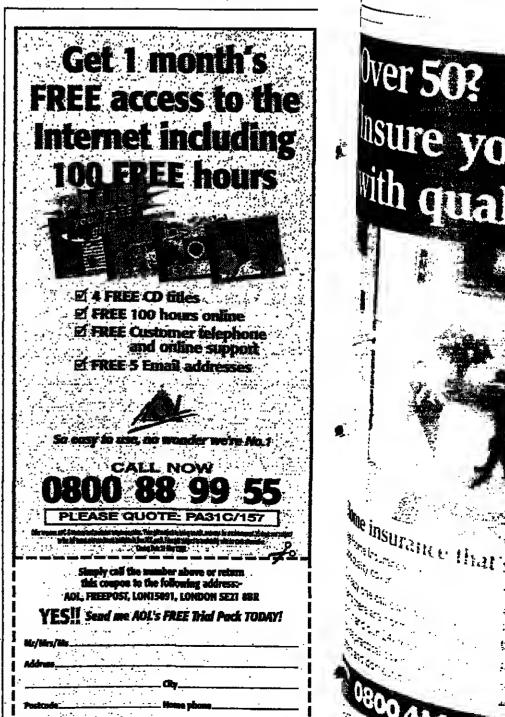
northerners. The military have made their choice, Obasanjo, but the pauperised population have little choice at all in this election," said Morin Babalola, an anti-corruption campaigner. Her view is shared by Chief Gani Fawehinmi. a leading human rights lawyer, who called the elections a "lop-

sided political process".

Mr Obasanjo faces a chal-lenge from Obu Falae, also a Yoruba, who is popular in his home areas and who received the nomination of an alliance of the Ail People's Party and the Alliance for Democracy.

Campaigning in gubernato-tial. council, parliamentary and the presidential elections has revealed few policy differences between the rivals.

Nigerians will have to decide who will be their next President largely on his personality later this month. Mr Obasanjo, an outspoken critic of military rule who spent three years in jail until re-leased last year after the death of the then dictator, General Sani Abacha, has vowed to stamp out corruption which has impoverished the world's sixth largest oil producer. He has been silent, however, on what moves he would make to "de-politicise" the army.



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Dufoix: arriving at the court yesterday

### **Tainted** blood victim attacks **Fabius**

FROM SUSAN BELL

AS THE tainted blood trial entered its second week yesterday, a victim of the scandal accused Laurent Fabius, the former Prime Minister, of failing to destroy blood stocks contaminated by HIV, the Aids re-

lated virus. Sylvie Rony, who appeared in court in a wheelchair attended by two nurses, was infected with contaminated blood on August 2, 1985, as she gave birth to her first child. "Not ordering the de-

struction of the stock was not a political error, it was a crime," she said. M Fabius replied that he had "no comment on such"

profound suffering.

The families of thousands of victims who contracted Aids after receiving tainted blood from the national transfusion service have been joined by the media in criticising the handling of the case by Christian Le Gunehec, president of the court trying M Fabius and two former Health Ministers, Georgina Dufoix and Edmond Herve, for man-

Yesterday the victims lodged a complaint accusing him of partiality after he refused to allow them to join the hearing as civil parties. The judge had dismissed them as "passersby" who had no place at the trial.

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The right-wing Le Figa-ro questioned whether Judge Le Gunehec'sbould be replaced by a more pugnacious" president. Despite a distinguished legal career, the judge has been accused of incompetence. Claims against him in-clude failing to acquaint himself with the facts and favouritism in his treatment of the accused.

Over 50?

Fugitive Mengele 'took holidays in Switzerland'

Jews furious that Angel of Death made postwar visits to Europe on Red Cross passport, writes Christopher Walker

JOSEF MENGELE, the notorious Nazi war criminal who escaped arrest at the end of the Second World War by fleeing to South America, returned to Switzerland many times to take holidays and visit his family, apparently with the knowledge of the local police.
The disclosures

The disclosures about alleged Swiss laxity towards the activities of wanted Nazis have shocked Jews around the world. They were contained in the latest issue of the Zurichbased Jewish weekly, Israelitsche Wochenblatte, based on official documents not due to be made public until 2009. The German-language pub-lication claimed that Mengele

- known as the "Angel of Death" because of the genetic medical experiments he conducted on Jews, including twins and dwarfs, in Ausch-witz — used a fake Red Cross passport to take frequent trips to Switzerland in the 1950s, at one time staying in 1956 at an Alpine hotel called The Angel in the central Swiss resort of

Engelberg.
The paper disclosed that
Mengele also used his false identity to spend an extended holiday at a flat rented by his wife in a Zurich suburb and to pay a number of visits to his son, who was studying at a private boarding school in the affluent town of Montreux.



Mengele: the SS doctor in wartime uniform

Dov Alfon, a Paris corre-spondent for the Tel Aviv newspaper Haaretz, yesterday quoted Viktor Schlumph the Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman, as telling a French journalist that the new information depicted "a horrifying tale which the Govern-ment of Switzerland will now

investigate to the full

Mr Alfon told The Times that he was convinced that documents on which the revelations were based were genuine. "It seems that someone on the inside chose to leak them well in advance of the date to which they were officially em-bargoed." he said. "This information has spread like wild-fire and stunned Jewish communities in Europe."

Born in Günzburg, Germany, and later-declared medically unfit to serve at the front in the Second World War, Mengele was - at his own request - appointed doctor of the Auschwitz death camp. As well as his experiments conducted between 1943 and 1945. he participated in the selection of tens of thousands of prisoners in the Birkenau camp attached to Auschwitz destined to die in the gas chambers.

The Encyclopedia Judaica comments: The figure of Mengele decreeing life or death by a flick of the finger has become one of the symbols of the Holocaust: he was called by the camp inmates the Auschwitz monster,"

Based on the documents, the Zurich weekly claimed that Mengele received a Red Cross passport on May 21, 1949, after submitting to the Swiss consul in the Italian port of Genoa a forged ID card in the name of Helmut Gregor.

Several days later "Helmut Gregor" used his new passport to flee to Argentina. In the early 1950s Mengele moved to Paraguay. apparently after Interpol issued an international death warrant against him enough to begin his visits to and beg for their forgiveness".

Switzerland, where he found The Zurich weekly charged



no difficulty entering or leav-ing, even though it is alleged that the alias of "Helmut Gre-gor" was already known to the police all over Europe

A spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross stressed that during the period when the false travel document was issued "the organisation was entrusted with the task of helping tens of thou-sands of people in distress. We issued 70,000 passports, and were not always able to effi-ciently establish the identity of all those seeking our help. We that was distributed in Buenos apologise for the pain-we Aires. By 1956 he felt it safe - caused - Holocaust survivors

that the Swiss police knew of the flat in a Zurich suburb rented by Mengele's wife, where he took an extended vacation

in 1961.

Mr Alfon wrote: "The Swiss police knew of the flat and followed Mengele while he was there: Their failure to arrest him was apparently a bureaucratic mishap. The Swiss Justice Ministry

waited for an official extradition request from Germany. the time that this arrived. Mengele was on his way back to South America.

"The Swiss policemen fol-lowing him did nothing to detain the Nazi criminal, instead contenting themselves with writing down the license plate number of the car that took him to the airport."

Yesterday the Federation of Swiss Jews demanded that the Swiss Government set up an immediate commission of inquiry into the affair.

Mr Alfon said: "It is unknown whether the Justice Ministry will agree to open its archives, although it is clear that the documents published by the paper were leaked from

He added that, according to the official story, which many still question, Mengele - who originally studied medicine and philosophy — drowned at a Brazilian beach in 1979.

### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

## Manila Briton in child rape arrest

Manila: Gerald Charles Hart, 66, a recired oil company technician from London, has been arrested and faces charges of raping at teast two girls, aged 12 and 14, after drugging them and tying them up. Child rape is punishable by death under Philippines law.

"The allegations against me are certainly, absolutely not true," Mr Hart told reporters yesterday. He was arrested near his home in Novaliches in suburban Quezon City. where he has lived for two years. Police said they found pictures of him molesting other bound, unconscious girls. (AP)

### Cuba toughens laws

Miami: The Cuban Government has proposed tough new laws to combat dissent as well as violent crimes as part of a major review of the country's penal code (David Adams writes). The laws, which are expected to be approved by the National Assembly, the Communist Party-run legislature, include raising the maximum prison term for "counter-revolu-donaries" and enemy collaborators from 20 to 30 years, as well as introducing the death penalty for drug traffickers.

### Timor 'transition' call

Canberra: Bishop Carlos Belo, a Nobel laureate, has given a warning that East Timor is not ready for independence and will need a transitional period of ten to 15 years to break away from Indonesia. John Howard, the Australian Prime Minis-ter, has been condemned by supponers of East Timor for publicly opposing independence for the territory on the grounds that it could lead to violence and leave Australia with a massive bill for foreign aid. (AP)

### Leader escapes death

Tashkent: Uzbekistan's President Karimov, right, said "dark forces" tried to assassinate him with up to eight car bomb blasts near govern-ment headquarters that killed at least nine people and wounded 15. He vowed to chop off the hands of the culprits. There were reports that some people had been detained and hints that Muslim extremists were to blame. (Reuters)



### Fire hits ski resort

Grenoble: The French Alpine town of Chamonix was hit by fire yesterday, less than a week after 12 people were killed in an avalanche near the ski resort. The fire broke out late on Monday and burnt for most of the night, injuring four firefighters as they battled to contain the blaze in the community centre in the old town. About 50 people were evacuated from their homes. Last Wednesday, an avalanche swept away 17 chalets near the town in the Mont Blanc region. (Reuters)

### Taxi taken for a ride

Barcelona: Police arrested a passenger for failing to pay a fare of more than £337 for an eight-hour ride across Spain. The 31-year-old man hailed a taxl in the town of Baza, in the southern Granada province, and arranged for it to take him 560 miles northeast to his home in Pineda de Mar, near Barcelona. At the end of the journey, he confessed that he had no money for the fare. (AP)

### German fund to aid Nazi victims

German Chancellor, and German big business yesterday announced plans to compensate Nazi Holocaust survivors and about 800,000 Eastern Europeans who worked as slave labourers in Hitler's Third Reich (Tony Paterson writes). The project, entitled Founda-

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Berlin: Gerhard Schröder, the tion Initiative of German Busi- Herr Schröder said the fund ness, was unveiled after a meeting of business leaders and Herr Schröder in Bonn and is backed by 17 banks and firms including Deutsche Bank, Krupp and Volkswagen. But officials refused to specify how much would be available for compensation.

would create a foundation to counter legal claims, especially class action suits in the US.

The issue was brought to a head earlier this month following disclosures that Deutsche Bank co-financed the building of the notorious Nazi death camp at Auschwitz

### Yeltsin accused of oil deal scandal

FROM ALICE LAGNADO

RUSSIA has been hit by another corruption scandal after a liberal MP accused President Yeltsin's family of torning a blind eye to the transfer of millions of dollars out of one of its republics.

Yuri Shchekochikhin, the MP, wrote in the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, where he is deputy editor, that the Government of the northern re-public of Komi had moved \$10 million (£6.1 million) to an account in Luxembourg with plans to move up to \$21 million over a number of years.

He also said that a com-pany which had close links to Mr Yeltsin bought a control ling interest in a Komi oil company after putting pressure on the Danish owners of the shares to sell. Some of the profits from sales of Komi's oil, which rightly should go back to the region, have thus disap-

peared into private hands.
According to Mr Shchekochikhin, the Yeltsin family is implicated in the oil deal and that is why the Government has not prevented Komi officials moving the money.

The Central Bank said it could neither confirm nor deny that it approved the deal. The scandal broke only days after the former head of the Russian Central Bank admitted moving millions of pounds of currency reserves to an account in Jersey. No further details have emerged since the initial news of the "scam", which could prove the worst of post-Soviet shocks.

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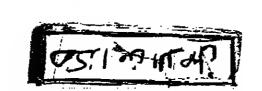
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# Map of Canada is redrawn by a land where polar bear is king

Canadian North, voters have turned out on foot, skis and snowmobiles in an election to create the country's first new regional assembly for half a

The territory of Nunavut, stretching from the northern shores of Hudson Bay to the arctic wastes of Ellesmere Island, is twice the size of Ontario, but with a population of just 25,000 — 85 per cent of which is Inuit.

Their new representatives have almost no political experiVictory for Inuits has created a vast I lost on Probisher Bay.
There, on April 1, Nunavut new territory, writes Giles Whittell

era in the governance of North America's native peoples.

Nunavut stretches across three time zones, but does not have a single road outside its 26 isolated communities. With 22 per cent unemployment and a suicide rate six times the national average, its social problems have defeated the Canadian federal Government for decades and present the world's youngest regional democracy with a stern challenge. Nonetheless, optimism

reigned yesterday. "It's going to be lots of fun, and lots of work," said Jobie Nutarak, an airport mainte-nance worker and newly elected representative for Pond Inlet, on the northern shore of Baffin Island. He and 19 others, most of them Inuits, will; meet in a new assembly building in the territorial capital of

will separate from the Northwest Territories, of which it has been the improverished half since Canada devoted its energies to the mineral-rich west at the turn of the century.

"As part of the Northwest Territories, the specific needs of Inuits in Nunavut weren't recognised," Annette Bourgeois, of the Nunatsiaq News in Iqaluit, told The Times. "In the west they have roads and mines. Now the Nunavut representatives will be able to fopolar bears often outnumber voters, was a triumph for Inuit activists who have been pressing the Government with ancestral land claims since the 1970s. But it was a victory for no particular party, since none of the 71 candidates pledged allegiance to any.

Among the first duties of the 19 winners, who include a truck driver, a hunter and several entrepreneurs, will be the election of a Cabinet and regional premier from among their number. Goo Arlooktoo. a former justice minister of the

day's election, in a land where Northwest Territories and favourite for the post of premier, was defeated in the only major upset of the voting. He showed gruff respect for the will of the electorate, which numbers barely 12,000 because half of Nunavur's population is too young to vote. The people are the bosses. They are always right, and we will have to live with it," he said.

Nunavut's rise to territorial status, eclipsed in the headlines by Quebec's Frenchspeakers, could prove a test case for the future map of



# Jury hears of Texan's hate-filled tattoos

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN JASPER, TEXAS

SHORTLY after his arrival at the rural back-road where a decapitated body had been discovered by local people on their way to church, the Jasper County sheriff, Billy Rowles, found a piece of evidence that revealed just what it was that he was dealing with, "Once we looked at the KKK emblem on the cigarette-lighter we really started having some bad thoughts," he said.

A packed courthouse in this small east Texas town heard yesterday that the lighter be-longed to John William "Bill" King, a white supremacist "full of hate" who pleaded not guilty to charges of kidnapping and murdering James Byrd because he was black.

In a case that has reawakened fears over extreme racism in the South, Mr King, 24, and his friends, Lawrence Brewer, 31, and Shawn Berry, 24, are accused of delivering a ferocious beating to Mr Byrd and then chaining him to the back of a pick-up truck and dragging him along a rough sheared off.

The pick-up is the favourite means of transport in this logging country, but there was still astonishment when Mr King was delivered to the county courthouse in a vehicle similar to the one in which he had been early on June 7 last year.

He was wearing a bullet-proof jacket as he was led through a cordon of police. He also wears a stun belt capable of delivering a 50,000-volt shock if he misbehaves.

It was not possible to see the racist tattoos which cover his body, but the prosecutor, Guy Gray, said that they include swastikas, a man in a hood, a black man being lynched and the word Satan.

This is a young man filled with hate. These are the kind of tattoos that will reflect and tell you the deep-seated anger and hatred that this man has."

Mr King had drafted a con-stitution and membership literature for a "hate group" he in-tended to found in Jasper called the Texas Rebel Soldiers Division of the Confederate Knights of America, "King needed to do something dramatic to ... gain respect for his new gang and to attract new members." said Mr Gray.

Mr Byrd was identified, the prosecutor said, by his fingerprints, and a post-mortem examination showed that he had been alive when the dragging began. Markings were absent from parts of his face and head but his elbows were torn to shreds. Mr Gray said that forensic tests found Mr Byrd's blood on the wheels of Mr Bershoes belonging to all three of the accused.

The sheriff, Mr Rowles, said that when he arrived at the scene he thought Mr Byrd had been killed accidentally by being knocked down and caught underneath the truck.

brown trail on the road he noticed that it often ran on either side of the tyre tracks, indicating that the body had been dragged, swinging from side to side behind, not under, the truck. "I knew we were in trou-



# Aids researchers have designs on Oscar outfits

THE Bob Mackie dress worn by Cher in 1972; the violet gown dyed by the costume mistress Edith Head to match Elisabeth Taylor's eyes in 1969; the lavender strapless vision that transformed Uma Thurman in 1994 ... they're all on show in the windows of Barney's - Manhattan's desperately chic department

Not quite the traditional blacker, but the gowns are there for good reason. On March 18, Christie's New York is auctioning 55 Oscar Awards dresses to raise money for the American Foundation for Aids Research. The gowns will be on public view But when he examined the at Christie's in London next Tuesday and Wednesday and in Los Angeles from February

26 to March I.

The brainchild of the actress Natasha Richardson. whose father Tony Richard-son died of Aids, the auction was inspired by the sale of

Stars are donating their gowns for auction, Lisa Armstrong writes

owns from the collection of Patrick Marber which opens Diana, Princess of Wales. "I thought, good on you -

at least all those dresses aren't to waste" she said. "And then I thought of all those incredible dresses which are created each year of which are too special to be discarded but which will nev-

er be worn again. "I'm not a spokesperson, I'm an actress, that's what I'm comfortable being. But my dad died of Aids and I want to do whatever I can to help." Collecting 55 Oscar Awards

dresses from five decades and five continents was a tougher task than envisioned — Rich-ardson was just finishing the award-winning off-Broadway version of Cabarer and beginning rehearsals for Closer, the by the British writer

on Broadway later this month. So she enlisted the help of Anna Wintour, the editor-inchief of American Vogue, for whom "designer doors seem to mysteriously open".

setbacks. The pair had only three months to pull everything together, and some of the dresses had mysteriously disappeared. "Everyone was very keen to be involved," Richardson said. "One of the first to say yes was Emma Thompson, who volunteered the Armani suit she wore to the Oscars in 1995 - and the shoes, the bag and the stole. Uma Thurman got back pretty quickly too, but then she wasn't sure where she'd

misplaced her gown. You im-

agine all these beautiful dress-

logued, but that isn't always the case. Some go back to the designers, Joanne Woodward had already donated her MacGraw lost hers when her house burnt down.

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The dresses were not al-ways in pristine condition. "Oscar night is a long one someone nearly always steps. on your train or something ed a little renovating," said Richardson, who has not donated her own Oscar outlit, a black Donna Karan that she wore to accompany Llam Neeson when be was nominated for Schindler's List No one is predicting how

much the auction will raise, but the Barney's window display on Madison Avenue is creating a storm. Simon Doonan, the store's window-dresser said: "Women are going beserk when the walk past they're practically foaming at



Emma Thompson, left, and Kristin Scott-Thomas have offered the dresses they wore on Oscar night

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### Antiques dealers in grave thefts inquiry

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI antiques dealers who sold the

NEW ORLEANS police have arrested members of a ring than 200 cemetery ornaments worth an estimated \$1 million (£613,000) from tombs belonging to some of the city's wealth-

The investigation began when police traced the owner of a suspicious van spotted by a groundsman at Lake Lawn Metairies Cemetery. At the same time a former New Orleans resident noticed what appeared to be fragments of cemeteries from his home city on sale in Los Angeles shops. The police investigation has implicated several respected

stolen goods to wealthy collectors of graveyard Gothic in Los Angeles. The police say the theft began with a small group of heroin addicts who stole minor items from the cemeteries. But the dealers to whom they sold items allegedly began ordering more lucra-tive ornaments, even giving the thieves art history lessons.

At least four prominent antique dealers were arrested after cemetery artefacts were discovered in their homes. All have been released pending a lengthy investigation, and have said they did not know the items had been stolen.

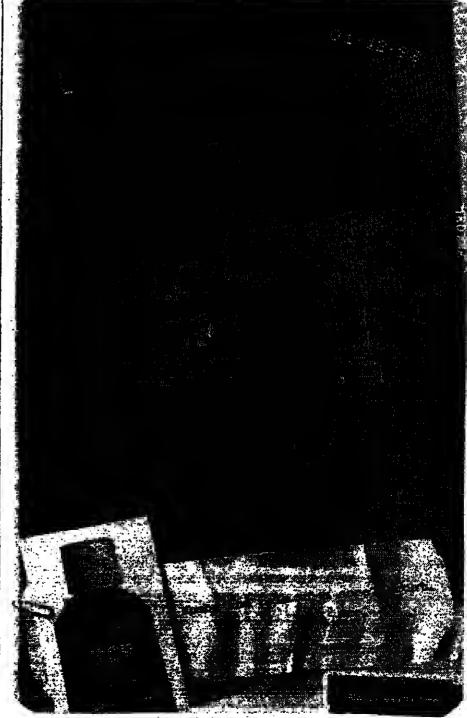
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# Dirty-linen divorces soil us all

In the crowded kiss-and-sell market, Celia Brayfield roots for errant spouses

nd now, the ultimate threat. In her battle for a £30 million divorce settlement from Mick Jagger, Jerry Hall has faxed to his lawyers a menu of the damaging personal recollections of their years together which she would be prepared to publish in a book if he doesn't agree to her demands. This was in response to the opening round fired the Japper's lawyers, who alleged by Jagger's lawyers, who alleged that the couple had never been properly married anyway because they fied the knot on

a beach in Bali. I think we understand that a woman could be irritated by a claim like that, particularly a woman bke Jerry Hall, who has endured more than 20 years with Jagger, has four children by him. and comes

from Texas with its cultural heritage of shooting first and asking questions later. So we, the curious milhons settling down to watch this real-life celebrity death-match, were expecting a feisty response: perhaps the reasonable suggestion that if the mar- Luciana Giminez Morad pened, neither did any or all

alleged prenuptial agreements. Reasonable is not the Texan way. They don't appreciate niceties in the Lone Star State, they like to get down to business. Hall's threat of public exposure has brushed aside the traditional rules of disengagement and moved her divorce negotiations on to a new level.

This strategy is not just another demonstration of celebrity excess. Far from the world of supermodels and rock stars, wronged wives - in consultation with their lawyers are realising that they now have a. new weapon: public shame. Where appeals to a man's feelings for his children or his sense of justice have complains: "I ve been gagged!"

failed, the threat of public humilia-tion can succeed beyond the lawyers' wildest dreams.

I know just such a woman, who recently agreed a handsome divorce settlement with the aid of one small tabloid exposé and a half-completed novel. This was not her intention. She started the book in sheer despair in an effort to write out the pain of being abandoned first by her husband, after more than 20 years of marriage, and then by his married boss, who

moved in wheo the husband left, inexplicably claiming that a doomed affair with him was just what she needed to make her feel better.

These people are not in the Jagger class, and the tabloid exposé was tiny, but it gave the boss the excuse to end the affair. The woman, a writer normally occupied with scholarly works of history, was left with no consolation other than her children and her keyboard. Fictionalising her trau-ma turned out to be good therapy, if

hardly a good career move, since her agent could not have shown less interest in the book if it had been a day-old corpse. However, the children read a few incriminating pages and carried lurid reports of them to their father. The terrified ex-partner, visualising his career and reputation in ruins. flailed to the court to make her an offer far higher than that expected by the lawyers — on condition that she reveal nothing to anyone. The stunned briefs advised her to

take the money, bin the novel, zip her lip and live comfortably ever after. Now she goes to dinner par-ties with a Cheshire cat smile and, when asked how the book is going.



Jerry Hall has returned fire in her divorce battle with Mick Jagger by sending his lawyers a list of things that she will reveal in a book if he doesn't agree to her demands

We can blame the lawyers. Jerry Hall is believed to have consulted Mishcon de Reya, the firm who acted for Diana, Princess of Wales, in her divorce. They presumably have a unique understanding of modern public life. We can blame the tabloids because the gossip industry is proliferating like genetically modified bindweed, strangling decent journalism in its quest for sensation,

We can blame our own prurience which creates the market for that industry. And we can blame Margaret Cook, who has certainly raised the stakes for wronged wives every-where. Opening her heart to a wom-en's magazine this week, Mrs Cook said that she regretted the book in which she underlined the sad truth that no man is a hero to his ex-wife.

Perhaps she also regrets not selling

ber silence at a higher price.

Did you notice every man of divorceable status shiver in terror on reading her self-righteous revela-tion that her husband Robin, the Foreign Secretary, once passed out drunk on the dining-room floor dur-ing an election? This looked terrible as a tabloid headline but, when put in perspective, it isn't so bad. To get hind drunk and pass out once in a lifetime, and especially during a period of career stress, is well within

acceptable limits of human frailty. Long ago, a revelation like this would have been called "washing the family's dirty linen in public" and nobody would have taken much notice. A famous man's exwife was simply cut out of his Who's Who entry and ignored. She was written off as vindictive and female, and therefore a bad witness. Her claims of violence, drunkenness, lechery and bad behaviour were disregarded. Women of consequence such as Mrs Cook and Mrs Jagger, a distinguished doctor and supermodel respectively, can't be treated like that.

Wives witness more than slobbish behaviour about the house. They hear the sleep-talk and the covert phone conversations. They know where the offshore bank accounts are located. Kiss-and-sell divorce strategy means that the discretion which our mothers considered part of their own self-respect now looks soft. Post-girl-power, the wife who keeps silent when she has damaging information will be the one who is forgotten.

Trust is no longer the cornerstone of a celebrity marriage, which means that the lonely condition of fame has worsened. Everyone in public life is now vulnerable. The toy boy or trophy wife will soon be able to give up personal grooming and plastic surgery for the cheaper option of keeping a diary, Back to the Jaggers. When you think about it, only a Texan would

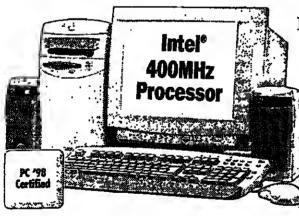
threaten to embarrass the big daddy of all bad-boy rock stars. What could she say, really? That his Satanic Majesty's favourite drink is Horlicks and that he never really

took any drugs? She could claim that he was a bad father, but his older children are already giving their own interviews on that score. If she claims he is a "bedroom flop" then half a doz-

en Brazilian beaucies will loll around the front pages in Victoria's Secret knickers suggesting it was all their fauh. One Brazilian model, Luciana Giminez Morad, currently claims to be pregnant by Jagger. Af-ter several decades of fame, we think we already know the worst. So Mick Jagger doesn't like paying tax, has been polite to his interior decorator and Keith Richards can

beat him at tennis. Big deal. Where celebrity marriage leads, ordinary marriage will follow. Marriage without trust is nothing. I find myself suddenly on the side of a straying husband. I hope he calls her bluff - not because I want to see a new genre of autobiography, but because I think it will be best for us all if this unsavoury new market collapses as fast as it has appeared.

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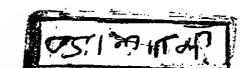
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# A heart to beat all odds

A surgeon and Nasa have created an electric heart, reports Anjana Ahuja

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he human heart is an extraordinary organ. During its lifetime, it pumps enough blood around the body to fill the Albert Hall. It adjusts its beating automatically, according to its owner's needs. And, of course, without a function-

ing heart, a person ceases to exist. This truism, and the fact that heart disease is the number one killer in the West, has made cardiovascular research one of the most competitive medical disciplines and turned its pioneers into celebrities.

Foremost among them is 90-year-old Dr Michael DeBakey. the heart surgeon at present tend-ing Boris Yeltsin, the Russian President. Known as the Texas Tornado, DeBakey

developed the world's first artificial artery on wife's sewing machine. Age has been no bar to progress — his hand is said to be as steady now as it was 60 years ago. Now he has scored another triumph - in a ground-breaking series of operations six patients with failing hearts have been implanted with a tiny pump created by De-Bakey and Nasa.

DeBakey's work means that patients who would otherwise die waiting for a transplant (there is a shortage of donated hearts) can have their own ailing hearts propped up permanently by the pump. Unlike past devices, the De-Bakey pumps are unobtrusive, quiet and small enough to implant in children — and there is evidence that, by allowing the heart to "rest", the implant can help it to make a full recovery from some diseases.

The quest to create an artificial heart, featured in a Horizon documentary tomorrow, began in the Sixties after DeBakey developed a device to help the heart to pump assist device (LVAD), this pump, which supported the main pumping chamber of the heart, led surgeons to wonder if they could design a device that would not just assist the heart but replace it.
With so much at stake, the race to

build a surrogate heart became mired in controversy. DeBakey was then at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and, because he performed the world's first implantation of an LVAD in 1966, already a leading heart specialist. He knew that a junior colleague had tested a primitive artificial heart in cows with mixed success: Dr Denton Cooley (he performed the first successful heart transplant in

America, a year after Professor Christiaan Barnard in South Africa) was keen to try it on human be-The race to ings but knew that the experimental record with animals would lead to his sen-

> In 1969 Cooley made history by placing the first patient in the world on an artificial heart. It was intended to keep the patient alive long enough for a donor heart to be lound. The patient lived for two days after the operation. DeBakey was in Washington at the time; the first he knew about it, he

> newspapers. He was shocked. "Cooley violated the rules," De-Bakey says. "He did not have authorisation for that operation." Cooley retaliated by saying his colleague was bitter about not performing such an historic operation himself, but resigned anyway. The two men have not spoken since, despite living and working in the same city (Cooley went on to found the Texas Heart Institute in Hou-

says, was when he read of it in the

the Methodist Hospital, and Bayventricular | loc College in Houston)

ston; DeBakey now directs the De-

Bakey Heart Centre, attached to



Pioneer's long quest: Dr Michael DeBakey, the heart surgeon, with, left, his 30-year-old prototype heart pump and his latest miniature heart, developed with help from Nasa

world-famous heart specialist, and is credited with developing techniques to repair heart valves. During the next 20 years, the competition to create a substitute heart became more intense. The most important rival to Cooley and De-Bakey was Dr Robert Jarvik, a former engineer who was inspired to be a heart specialist after his father was operated on by DeBakey. In 1982 he teamed up with De-Bakey to implant one of his designs in Barney Clarke, who survived for several months. However, the poor

prompted a rethink - Clarke was proof that the race to replace the heart was not an unqualified success. Patients were still dying before organs became available and, by the Nineties, such operations were difficult to justify medically and ethically. Jarvik and De-Bakey, now working separately, returned to looking at assist devices

rather than replacements.
Thanks to luck, DeBakey may yet be able to pull ahead of his competitor. One of the patients waiting for a heart transplant at the De-Cooley has gone on to become a quality of life that he experienced Bakey Heart Centre was David pumps. While the screw is turning,

Saucier, an engineer for Nasa. Saucier put DeBakey in touch with space engineers, who advised a radically different approach. While other teams were trying to design assist devices that would mimic the heart. Nasa engineers realised that. as long as it could pump ten litres of blood a minute without damaging blood vessels, their machine needn't use the same pulsating

action as the human heart. Nasa and DeBakey came up with a screw design based on tech-DOIOGY

liquid is drawn in one end and pushed out the other. Supercomputers beloed designers to come up with a rotation speed (10,000 revolu-tions per minute) that would ensure that enough blood could be pumped without damaging blood

The device, the size of a fountain pen, is powered by a battery pack worn around the waist. The wire, which links the heart to the pack, comes out through the abdomen. This is the first axial flow pump to DeBakey is now working on a ful- methodisthealth.com

they have been able to live a relatively normal life. · Horizon: Electric Heart, tomor-

ly implantable version. On Novem-

ber 13 last year, at the German Heart Institute in Berlin, the pump

was inserted in a male patient. Five

other patients also benefited. One

has since died of an unrelated com-

plication and another has had the

device removed because his heart

improved. Time will tell whether

the rest will pull through but so far

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# Source of the Flood In search of a winner

THIS summer scientists plan to investigate a claim that the Black Sea was the source of Noah's Flood. The theory goes that rising waters 7,500 years ago drove thousands of people from the Middle East into Europe, inspiring both the biblical story and a Babylonian poem, the

Epic of Gilgamesh.

The belief that these stories might have been inspired by a real event originated late in 1997 from two oceanographers, Dr William Ryan and Dr Walter Pitman of Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades. New York. Sediment cores they had taken suggested that around 5.500 BC, rising waters in the Mediterranean surged through the Bosphorus and swept into the Black Sea, until then a freshwater lake. The wa-

roarged. Dr Pitman told Science: "Did it cause a diaspora? We can only speculate."

That question might be answered if remains of settlements could be found under the water. A sonar study last summer revealed shapes that, in the words of the expedition co-leader Dr David Mindell of Massachusetts Institute of

ters rose by 15cm a day until the sea had risen

by ISOm and land the size of Florida was sub-

Technology, were "too large for a shipwreck and too shaped not to be man-made".



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scientists from MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, the Archaeological Museum in Sinop, Turkey, and Dr Robert Ballard, who found the Titanic wreck. The aim is to do more detailed sonar studies and, if these show the remains of settle-ments, sediment coring and magnetometry will be used to date them.

The study is part of a larger collaboration between Dr Ballard and Dr Fredrik Hiebert, a University of Pennsylvania archaeologist, who are locking for a deep-sea trade route between Sinop and ports on the north of the Black Sea. The project also marks the open-

ing to archaeology of really deep water. At a conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last month, Robert Grenier, a Canadian archaeologist, said that un-derwater archaeology was poised to make a great leap. Studies of the trade routes in the

Black Sea, the waters around Crete or off Alexandria, could find sunken vessels that would rewrite the history of navigation.

Of course, whatever the expedition finds can-

not prove the Noah story. All it can show is that there was a flood which swamped existing settlements, and might have formed the basis of the Bi-Technology, were "too large for a shipwreck ble story. Short of finding pairs of animal skele-ted too shaped not to be man-made".

This summer's bigger expedition will include of proving the truth of Nosh's Ark.

this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a team led by Dr David DeGusta, of the University of

California at Berkeley, reports

that of 30 non-human pri-mates, half of them have hy-

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the British bobsleigh team. which is already among the world's top five. Until now. the team has used bobsleighs bought as a standard item from a German manufacturer, while the all-conquering German team uses a purpose-built sleigh, which has given it a clear edge.

We think we can definitely

improve the performance of the British bobsleigh," says Jon Payne, one of the DERA team. "It isn't very high-tech at the moment."

There are limits to what can be done: suspension, for example, which would greatly improve cornering power, is banned under the rules. But that still leaves plenty of options, from new materials to aerodynamics and ergonomics, to shave off the few fractions of a second needed.

One definite plan is to in-strument the sleigh during trials to get a true idea of what determines its performance. Until now, only video taping has been used, and that has limitations. Apart from that, the team is cycing the back runners, the area of the nose. and the centre of gravity as areas for improvement. Ergonomically, changing the length and height of the handles for the sprint start could help. But if any of these ideas are to be put into practice, the team needs a sponsor in time for the World Cup next year.

### Apes can no longer speak in tongues



THALS. long envisaged as

apemen whose knuckles scraped the ground, have enjoyed a better press recently. In April last year, a team from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, even suggested that they might have been able to talk. The conclusion came from a study of the hy-poglossal canal, a hole at the

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the canal in human beings is twice as large as that in apes. making more room for the nerves that control the tongue. The same was true of Neanderthals - so if the size of the tanal was really the key to speech, there was no reason to doubt the ability of Neanderthals to do so.

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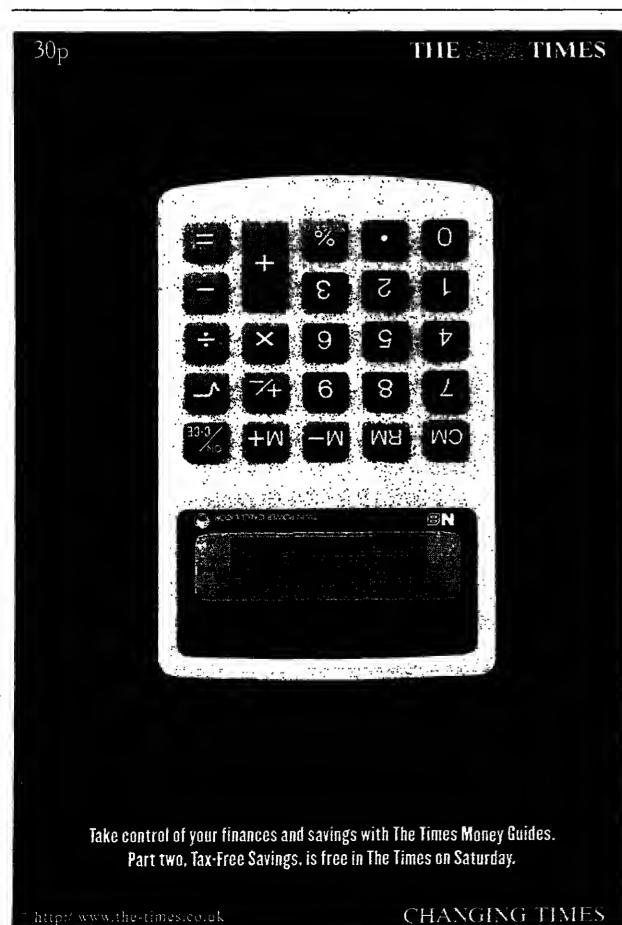
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# How not to raise a little tyrant



In the first extract saying from her new book child psychotherapis child psychotherapist Asha Phillips explains why saying no is so CTUCIAL AND ADVISES carents to set from limes for children

am often asked whether being a child psychotherapist helps me as a parent. I usually reply, rather embarrassedly, that it doesn't really. The question seems to carry the implication that if you know quite a bit about children, their expenses. about children, their emotions and development, then automatically you become a good parent. The fantasy may be that you could be Supermum with the guidebook for successful child-rearing.

I am happy to admit that, like all parents, I feel that I am struggling to do what is best for my children and probably get it wrong much of the time. Then there is the fact that practising psychotherapy is very hard work. It is a particular way of looking at the world and having conversations that demand much concentration. focus and unbiased emotional availability not a frame of mind that you can provide all the time. Finally, of course, a psychotherapist needs to be as open, lucid and clear-thinking as possible, we all know that when it comes to our families, we are often blind to what is obvious to everybody else.

Having said this, however, it is true that part of my training and experience enters

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the frame when I am trying to puzzle : out problems, or to understand why we behave as we do at home. Sometimes this is helpful, but not always. I often see what is going awry but am at a loss how to change. For instance, my friends and I frequently discuss how hard we find it to be firm with our children without feeling mean. Even when we know that a limit is useful, we have difficulty sticking to it. Why is that so? More generally, why do we persist in doing things that we know are counterproductive? These questions preoccupy me and the book is a result of my attempt to answer some of them.

Just as an architect may be more sensitive to structure and line, or a barrister may have a preference for coherence, logic and consistency, one of the advantages of psychotherapeutic training is that it helps you to see patterns and links. Things that seem to occur for no reason acquire a meaning. When I worked in a hospital, I saw a succession of children whose very different symptoms all related to having no boundaries set for them. I felt a little like the person who looks at an optical illusion, perceiving shapeless forms and suddenly "getting it" - see-

ing the picture. All these people with distinct problems seemed to have something in common. The dramatic illustration of this came with a little boy. ic constipation, who eventually needed an intervention under general anaesthetic to clear him. When I met him with his mother, it became clear that he was a child who totally dominated his household and whose parents could not take a firm stand with him or bear his protest and resistance.

in our work together, the focus was on helping his mother to put up with his ariger and to stick to sensible limits. I had to support her image of herself as a good mother in the face of his-

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fury. He got better and was saved from the pros-pect of regular interventions as well as high daily doses of medication. This was a turning

It struck me that such an ordinary thing as being able to say "no" carried in it the key to so much that is necessary for healthy development. This may seem obvious, yet when I look around me at my patients, my friends, my fami-ly and the world at large, I notice that it is not an idea to be taken for gramed. I read in the press recently about a two-year-old who plays on his computer all day and whose parents say that he has terrible tantrums if he is asked to sit down and eat with them; food has to be taken to his room so that he may carry on playing. This is clearly excessive but, in smaller ways, many of us tend to accommodate our lives to avoid

This may be linked to our being a generation who formed our philosophy of life during or in the aftermath of the 1960s. The emphasis on personal growth and freedom, on respect for individuality and self-determination, may have influenced us into becoming parents who are re-luctant to set rules or to experience

ourselves as rigid in any way. We also live in far greater isolation than previous generations. The role of the extended family and the community at large is greatly diminished. It is therefore left very much to parents to set the limits, and this makes for more intensity in their relationship with their children. The feelings stirred up are therefore harder to deal with. It certainly seems to be a shared difficulty and one that is very much of our time. As I spoke of writing this book, so many people said "Oh dear, I need it, or I wish I'd had a book like that when my kids were small". I think, to be truthful, that I needed it too - so I decided

There has been much written about the benefits of saying yes, of praise and encouragement. I endorse most of that stance. What I am hoping to add to the debate about child-rearing is the value of boundaries, the question of balance. The thought that "saying no is useful" is a thread that runs throughout life. It is a framework rather than a set of strict guidelines to fol-

that, since it did not exist yet, I might as well

I do not expect people to read my book and then go on instantly to apply a ten-point plan. I hope that it will help parents to look at themselves and their children and to work out what. them as a fa present-day issues of children sleeping in your bed, dealing with crying, eating difficulties: manners, discipline and more may have very different solutions in different families. I show some common patterns that we fall into as parents and offer ways of thinking about them.

Advice and guidance can be very helpful, but ultimately solutions that work are found for oneself. Nobody knows you or your child as you do. and my book attempts to support and help parents to trust their judgment.



"When we reach for quick solutions to a baby's discomfort, we may do what seems right to us, not what is right for him"

here is no such thing as a perfect parent. The idea that one could see to a child's every need and spare him every pain would, in fact, lead to an unhappy and maladapted child. It would not prepare him for life in a world inhabited by others; initially it would be a magic kingdom where he was king, but in time it would

turn into a very lonely place. Babies need to be seen. heard and responded to in order to thrive. But one of the fine lines to be drawn is when it is all right to start saying "no". I am reminded of baby
Jim. whom I observed for the first two years of his life. His mother was very attentive and thoughtful, she seemed always to know what he wanted and often anticipated his needs. At the time. I thought that she must be the ideal mother.

When Jim was II months old and not yet walking, he loved to hold on to his mother and, with her help, "climb" up and down the stairs. She would hold his hands and he would launch himself up with no regard for his mother bending over to support him. He would demand this activity for long periods of time, and she seemed unable to make a stand about when to stop. She became exhausted, he grew

ruthless and tyrannical. By saying no. this mother would have given Jim an idea of what he could manage by himself, as well as of what she could manage easily and what this activity cost her. Her reluctance to stand up to him en-couraged him to become a little despot. This then percolated into their relationship gen-erally — the mother felt bullied and helpless, while Jim

was cross and demanding. Saying no communicates that you are a separate being. The beginnings of being on your own, of separateness, are very important. In the early days, a buby's capacity to manage on his own is very limited. With a parent who responds very quickly to any cry or communication, the baby may well believe that he is not sepa-rate at all. He feels alarmed, calls out and there is his father's or mother's face smiling at him over the cot. If this happens every time, the baby may gain no sense that the parents have a life of their own. Real connection with others involves frustration, struggle

and hate as well as comfort,

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### BABIES

harmony and love. Response to a baby's communication gives him the feeling that he exists and is real. A little space between his communication and a response starts to give him an idea that he is part of a greater world. The length of time spent waiting is where judgment comes in.

Very often, a baby just starts to make a sound and someone

picks him up and takes action a change of nappy, a feed, the offer of a toy. In trying to be the perfect parents, we sometimes interpret too early before he has had time to taste his own feelings.

The idea of a gap between whimper and response is crucial to development. By placing a baby in his cot and soothing him into it, the mother is

showing him that it is safe for him to sleep in. By then allowing him to grizzle, she is hearing his complaint but holding on to what she knows he needs - rest. By doing this consistently, she emphasises that he will be all right in his cot and strengthens his sense of self.

If a baby is picked up as soon as he stirs and starts to emerge from his sleep, he will have missed a chance of learning that he can explore his surroundings and make something of this experience by him-self. This brief moment carries in it the seeds of independence

and self-confidence.

Sometimes, when we reach for quick solutions to a baby's comfort, we do what seems right to us, not necessarily what is right for him. Health visitors frequently see parents who immediately offer food as comfort, when at times something else may do - such as talking or singing to the baby, or holding him in your arms. Most people feel helpless in the lace of a cry of complaint and want to "make it better" straight away. We often feel that we can achieve this by "doing something. But when the response to discomfort is always action, a baby learns that only activity makes you feel bet-ter. He becomes easily distressed if left to his own devices

and cannot entertain himself. If you instantly fill a gap, it is usually with something fa-miliar. It does not permit creativity or the emergence of the new. This can have repercussions in the "I'm bored" syndrome of children of primary school age, and makes it hard for the child to linger, to pon-der, to explore, instead of restlessly reaching out for action.

hen a distraction is always used as a method of dealing with up-set, you are saying, in an indirect way, that complaining is unacceptable or even unbearable. But it should be acceptable to have a moan and a groan. Parents may need to learn just to stay with the grumpy baby and offer sympathy. 'Yes, I know you're feel-ing miserable, we all feel that way sometimes. It's OK, things will improve . . . "

By managing a baby's grumpiness, the mother is not just helping him to overcome that particular moment, but is giving him a model of how to leal with difficulties. By tolerating his discomfort, she is saying that this is an acceptable and bearable feeling but that, in the end, it will be all right. Learning to survive problems helps enormously in building up resilience in oneself and faith in others.

 Saying No by Asha Phillips is published on March I by Faber, E8.99. Times readers can order this title for only E7.99 by calling The Times Bookshop on 0990 329454.



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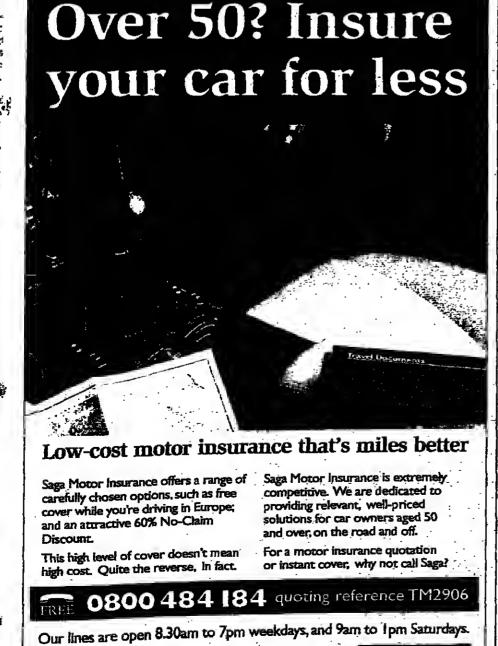
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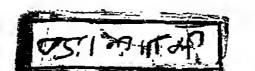
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# A Stoic in search of a heart

Hague may have a steely

exterior, but what lies beneath?

aving spent the best cheek by jowl with William Hague, a privilege normally only accorded to his wife, Flion, and judo partner Seb Coe, I feel better equipped than most journalists to offer an insight into the character of the man who might be our next Prime Minister.

But only slightly better. Mr Hague is a very difficult man to get the measure of. Although t swigged Heineken with him at 30,000ft, followed in his footsteps around Harlem schools and shot the stratospheric breeze with him about Conservative philoso-phy, my conclusions about his character are still, just, provisional. At a time when the personal is increasingly political, and the Prime Minister shares the secrets of his diet with us to win our trust, Mr Hague gives little away.

The most striking aspect of Mr Hague's personality is his serenity. Margaret Thatcher liked to quote Kipling, Mr Hague embodies the stoic virtues of his verse. He treats triumph and disaster with the same, distanced, equanimity. Flicking through the press cuttings the day after his visit to schools in East Harlem he barely berrayed a flicker of either pleasure or annoyance, however favourable or critical the coverage. One of his aides was more than a little irritated by The Guardian's coverage

of the school trip. with its affected surprise that none of the Harlem schoolchildren was familiar with the Tory leader's achievements: "Never mind how many eight-year-olds in Harlem have never heard of William, how many of them have ever heard of The Guardian?" Mr Hague set the cuttings aside with scarcely a mur-

sandwiches. Whether buffeted by the press, or typhoon-level turbuence over Virginia, the Tory leader remained imperturbable. Remarking on Mr Hague's calmness at the storm's centre, I was told by one of the team that his impassiveness was a constant: On the day of the greatest reverse to strike his leadership, the unveiling of the plot between Viscount Cranborne and Tony Blair, Mr Hague was informed of the treachery by a stuttering Shadow Cabi-net colleague. The unfortunate MP, who clearly felt like a Wehrmachi staff officer stumbling into the Führerbunker after von Stauffenberg's bomb had gone off, was met with studied calmness. "I suppose I'd better sack him, then." remarked Mr Hague, before resuming another progress through the sandwich tray.

This adamantine core might be considered a political asset. if a barrier to personal intimacv. But, curiously, it seems no impediment to a successful relationship with his wife. I fear, however, it may prove an obstacle in Mr Hague's wooing of the electorate.

The Tory leader has been crincised for not making more of his wife as an electoral asset, generally by those who have not always shown a fortunes. The motive behind

many of these criticisms has not been hard to detect. By marrying late, without any hint of a rake's progress to the altar. Mr Hague has been the object of a malicious whispering campaign. During the 1997 leadership campaign members of John Redwood's campaign team took lubricious pleasure in sneering at the "bachelor boys" around

Observing the Hagues together, however, I was struck by the unforced pleasure they took in each other's company. When Mr Hague was address ing a Dallas press conference my eyes wandered to the side of the room where Flion stood, her eyes fixed on her husband with an indulgent pride. On the flight back from Dallas, Ffion gently massaged the Tory leader's shoulders before settling into the seat opposite, and coiling her calves around his. While in Texas, Mr Hague's wife was anxious to steal away from one meeting, but her inattention to political duty was motivated by her-need to grab a bottle of her husband's favourite stressrelieving bath soak from its

American stockist. The Tory leader's capacity to keep any hint of his job's stresses restricted to the bathroom is perhaps a factor in his appeal as a husband. Stoicism may be an unfashionable virtue, its eclipse mourned by

Tom Wolfe in the pages of A Man in Full, but it is close to the core of what we mean by masculinity. I suspect that the protective arm, and unfurrowed brow. the qualities which we were once unafraid to call manly, are more attractive to many women than the feeble emoting of the New Man. Flion

certainly seems to think so. But does the electorate? M Hague seems himself to sense that stoicism is not enough. looking for the secret of "compassionate conservatism". He travelled to the home of George Bush Jr. the vote-winning wizard of Austin, like the Tin Man looking for a heart. And although his emphasis on education and his new "values agenda" sounds as thought it might be the missing organ, it still seems curiously bloodless.

aking soundings after Mr Hague spoke in Washington, I found the audience impressed by his intellect but incapable of discerning the music of his soul. Mr Hague is an accomplished but his style is Classical, not Romantic.

The ersatz emoting of Tony Blair soon grates. Tories may consider that their hearts are not designed for easy display on their sleeves. But Mr Hague's own recognition that the Tories can no longer win as "the economics party", the intuition that took him in his private jet to Texas, requires more from him than the stern virtues of the Stoic. In an emotionally literate age persuasion is more than a matter of logic. For compassionate conservatism to make sense, it must have passion at its heart.

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# Police under the cosh

longer. The excitement is building. Every day another detail is leaked. This week the Home Secretary gets his chance. Next week comes the full, exhilarating burst of self-right-eousness. It is the publication of the Macpherson report into the police's handling of the Lawrence affair.

The world will be in full cry.

bloodhounds barking, horns braying, tally-hoing from a view to a kill,

or at least from a TV studio Io a

docudrama. There must be a resignation in it companies.

nation in it somewhere. Liberal opinion is offered precious few permits these days to dump on working-class prejudice. The Lawrence inquiry has been one such permit. The issue is race, and race trumps class in the political correctness game. So the dump will be from a great height, such as only ine High Court ludge. Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, can attain. The BBC will drown in pomposity. The Guardian will have an orgasm.

I carry no brief for the constables who investigated the Lawrence murder. The Metropolitan Police has acknowledged its negligence. Killers got away and damage was done to relations between the police and the local black community. The police did not kill Stephen Law-rence, nor did they wilfully shield his killers, though in the present hysteria any accusation might seem plausible. But they were startlingly incompetent, and the incompetence of some was cloaked in attitudes clearly coloured by racial prejudice. So what do we all do? Most of

those accused by Macpherson have been retired and a drastic reorganisation of the Met instituted. But that was apparently not enough. Blood was up. Britain is crass at holding public servants to account. As Parliament slithers into sommolent irrelevance and local democracy withers, accountability must find other outlets. The current craze is for gargantuan Inquisitions, such as Scott on arms-for-fraq. Phillips on BSE. Macoherson on Lawrence. What in the private sector is

settled with a sacking and in America with a fierce congressional hearing, in Britain is delegated to lawyers and an attendant pack of salivating journalists. Ministers toss them some malfunction in public administration, and they pick over it at ludicrous length before declaring an auto-da-fé. Hapless individuals are then marched into flames, bemused at

If the Met is singled out for blame, it will revert to prejudice even more

what is usually a disproportionate share of blame heaped on their heads. Ministers are thus exonerated of any responsibility and Parliament goes back to sleep, belching faintly on cue.

When a middle-class profession has slipped up, fun is had by all. Thus it was with Scott's ministers and the Bristol heart surgeons. Somehow the accused did- not starve. If they were Maxwell auditors, they passed Go and collected £200. They were "one of us". But the

police is a more delicate case. This is still a working-class profession, treated with the hear no-evil, see-no-evil respect the English used to reserve for their affairs as they like, provided nothing frightens the

Police officers today are like the guardians of young offenders and the mentally ill. They are paid good money to keep society's troubles out of sight. Their work is difficult and often

upleasant. It involves spur-of-the-moment decisions, confronting often unstable people against a backdrop of violence. This requires personal commitment, training and experience, coupled with a responsibility for personal judgment and for maintaining public trust. This is the classic definition of a true profession. Yet this profession is odd. It is one that no middle-class parent yearns for his son or daughter to join. Middle-class offspring may make videos, clean chalets or cook dinners. But not the police, please. As a result, the police are coated in political Tellon, Margaret Thatcher showered them with money. which they consumed with little managerial accountability. They can get away, almost, with murder. Their Achilles' Heel is race, for

racism is a charge that transcends all others in the liberal demonology.

The police can be as tough as they

please - indeed the tougher the better on television - but they must leave behind at the station door the prejudices of their class. Since the most lawless areas of cities tend to be where most blacks live, this is hard. There is racial prejudice in all inner cities. Police should fight against it, but given the conditions in which they work, some prejudice is bound to be endemic.

The Lawrence affair was not just a misjudgment by officers on the beat. The failure to launch a murder

hunt showed a casual attitude to whiteon-black crime that reflected just such endemic prerudice As a result, the Met was suddenly vulnerable to accusaoperational to the institutional", and made the excuse for a public and highly charged inquiry. The whole profession of policing has been put under suspicion, though carefully not so as to implicate its politi-cal masters. The

Home Secretary's responsibility for the Met is a classic of "take the credit, avoid the blame". The legal vultures have been

summoned. Twenty-three officers, so it is leaked, are to be declared carrion. Others in the 26,000-strong force may be guilty of far worse crimes. But the new accountability is no respecter of fairness. It merely needs its regular pound of flesh. Last week was Sierra Leone, this week cervical smears. Next week is Get-the-Met week:

For all the necessary reprimands about to be visited on Sir Paul Condon and his force, I find something sickening in well-paid, comfortable, self-regulating profes-sions excoriating as "prejudiced" those who do far tougher jobs, with lower qualifications and far less status. Lawyers submit to no redress beyond losing an occasional case. The worst thing that can happen to a judge is to be overturned on appeal. Vocations such as consultancy and journalism chiefly involve criticising those struggling to do an honest job and occasionally failing. We look, judge, castigate and run. We shall do it again next week. Nobody notices if we are wrong. Nice work if you can get it. and blindingly easy, especially com-pared with policing south London.

corrective to the blame-fest of the Lawrence report is Roger Graef's current tele-vision series on policing black America. He visits what are surely the most violent communities. anywhere in the world outside war zones. In each case - Boston, Texas and California - these communi-ties finally realised that they could no longer delegate the ghettos to the police and leave them at that. Two armed forces were confronting each other every night, instead, police social workers, prosecutors, teachers, judges, had to get down in the dirt on equal terms and fight their city back to safety. In the front line were still the police, but in professional harness with everyone else. One conclusion I draw from Graef's series is that there is no more sense in isolating the police as a profession than in isolating innercity blacks as a community. Groups thus isolated react defensively. They fall back on prejudice. The British police are isolated in part because the police remains an "other ranks" profession. Unlike the Army, there is no officer cadre. The reason is that

such a cadre would be "class-con-scious". It would be inimical to the human skills required for communi-ty policing. This is a strength in some respects, but in others it is a weakness. It holds the police as a freemasonry apart, cursed by "canteen culture", overtime and poor management. Policemen can be inarticulate, and thus politically vulnerable when things go wrong. Things went wrong in the Law-

rence case. As a result the profession is about to have an appalling week.
It will be told to hire managers,
trainers, consultants and a dozen
bureaucracies it does not need. The professional contempt, announcing a battery of detailed interventions. The media will outbid themselves in derogatory adjectives. Police morale will be thrown to the wolves. And the rest of us? We shall feel much better and go back to our business.

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BARBARA WALTERS is wooing the Prince of Wales. America's venerable question-popper has been fawning on Mark Bolland, HRH's surprisingly assertive deputy private secretary with responsi-

bility for dealing with the press.

The two met at the Prince's 50th hirthday party at Hampton Court, and during a visit to New York Bolland was invited by Walters to the beauty of the press. dine at her home. They so warmed to one another, I am told, that the chat-show hostess is confident she will soon be able to persuade him to

allow an interview.

Enticing the Prince on to her couch would be a coup for Babs because she failed to persuade Diana, Princess of Wales, to chat on screen. But if he agreed, he would be following in the footsteps of Baroness Thatcher, Richard Nixon and Monica Lewinsky.

CHRIS SMITH seems not to have forgiven Gerald Kaufman for his withering report on the Royal Opera House. At yesterday's top-ping-out ceremony in Covent Gar-den, the Culture Secretary referred inaccurately to the chief of police in Ligeti's Le Grand Macabre as Kaufman.

### Hom alone

LIKE the Clintons, the Blairs have been exploiting their position to invite a celebrity chef round to cook. Last summer Tony and Cherie asked Ken Hom (below) to





their French holiday villa. But the PM was unable to tuck into Hom's stir-fry because he had to leave his missus and three kids to rush back to Omagh after the bombing, 50 impressed was Cherie with Hom's talents that they visited his imperial City at the weekend for seconds.

• VISCOUNT LINLEY has been signed up by the National Trust to lecture next week on furniture in London. His talk will be illustrated by the work of that noted cabinet-maker, D. Linley.

### Blind side

STAR wars have broken out in Salisbury. Patrick Moore, the astronomer, has described as a "con trick" the plan by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev David Stancliffe, to charge tourists £250 each to watch August's eclipse from the cathedral tower.

"Anyone who pays is crazy." says Moore. "The eclipse will not be total in Salisbury. You need to go to Devon or Cornwall." The Chapter House accepts Moore's criticism but says he is missing the point: "We are using eclipse hype to raise money for the cathedral. It will be more fun watching from the top of our tower than in the middle of thousands of people in some field."



 PETER PORTER'S argument for OUP to keep him and Dennis Enright, his fellow poet, on its list "It agreed to keep publishing the dead poets. But it should hang on to us because we're nearly dead."

### Wall flower

GILLIAN SHEPHARD has complained to the Speaker about ungentlemanly behaviour on her doorstep by Nick Brown and his chums. The Tory daffodil felt she received an "unprecedented insult" from the Agriculture Minister when he and some colleagues turned up for some event in her Norfolk constituency without invit-ing her. Shephard has asked Betty Boothroyd to look into the sugges-tions that George Turner, her neighbouring Labour MP, urged the event's organisers to leave her off the guest list.

JASPER GERARD

### 'How long would it be, you wondered, until you sat down to a lunch from which you would rise with 12 fingers'

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your heart to forgive me when I confess that, until a moment or two ago, I had not given much thought to genetic modification. I beg that forgiveness because, as a major commentator, I am charged with the duty to have a bit of a think about things on your behalf, sort out their constituent significances. come to a conclusion, and then type out the results so that you will not need to think about them for yourselves, Instead, you will be able to relax, eat a decent breakfast, do the crossword, catch your train, spend the day no longer distracted by whatever it is that I have sorted out but focused upon whatever it is you have to do, come back home, pour a large drink, put your feet up, eat dinner, watch a bit of ielly, and when the time comes to climb the wooden steps to Bedfordshire, know that you will not cats coming from five miles

do hope you can find it in have to lie awake fretting about away, and thus take the thing I have now straightened out for you, and get a good night's kip. Thanks to me, you may, quite literally, rest assured. That is what major commenta-

tors are here for. So, since I know you will have been worrying for some time now about genetic engineering, I feel really bad about not having done the business. I should have been there for you when Dolly the sheep first materialised on your lunchtime news, because you suddenly found yourself scared witless over how long it might be before there was a Shane Warne bowling from both ends, and a Shadow Cabinet composed entirely of Ann Widdecombes. Nor, when you first saw that mouse with a huge human ear on its back, did I address the vexed question of whether all mice would soon be able to hear

over the world. I did not even speak up more recently when our great Prime Minister himself assured you that you needn't worry your pretty little heads about genetically modified foodstuffs, thereby confirming your suspicion that it could be only a matter of time before you sat down to a lunch

from which you would stand up again with 12 fingers. In, however, my defence, let me say that my silence sprang not from the dereliction of a major commentator's duty, but from a confidence that necessity would continue to be the mother of invention; so that our perception of probable consequences would itself be enough to emthe Aussies genetically to cobble an apparently unbeatable attack, the MCC response would be to clone 11 Bothams; were our way of life to come under threat from a race of mice attuned to the pawfall of current cats, then men in white coats would immediate-

ly start popping sparrowhawk genes into moggie DNA to bring squadrons of feline Stealths diving noiselessly out of the sun; and as for modified foods, we were surely at liberty to choose either to read the label first, or, a bit later, to deploy our providentially useful extra digits

to knit modified gloves. But all that was my complacent view up until, as I said, a moment ago - the moment in power us to manufacture the which I spotted that chilling the loft into my garden, and, requisite antidotes. Were, that is, news story about 70 of Britain's look, the snowdrops are coming

and Safety Executive fears have taken inadequate safeguards against cross-pollination. In experimental furrows all across the country, the serried ranks of manipulated seedlings, tugged by February gusts, are unserrying fast. Even as I write, and you read, and we both tremble, strange mutant spores are busting out of genetic chokey, flexing their freshly cobbled muscles and taking it on the breeze-blown lam. And summarily scattered with them are all those smug convictions about anticipation and antidote which allowed me

GM test-sites which the Health

e can envisage no probupon our inventiveness to cope with them: I glance down from

to keep silent for so long.

up, exposing their pretty anthers for a vernal flirt. They do not know what a mistake that is. As the result, next year they might be plumdrops. As to what that might do to the worms churning. beneath, who can with any confidence say? They could end up greeting the millennium with big ears on their backs, and should they not work out what an ear does in time to save themselves from bungry birds, we may well see, before the decade's out, a giant starling hurtling in from the Pavilion End on four woolly legs, disguising his googly with his udder and whistling his lbw appeal

through his dorsal beak. What's that you say? You want me, as a major commentator, to address this question so that you may rest easy in your bed tonight? Tough luck. The answer, my friend, is blowing in the





### THE OCALAN TEST

The captured Kurdish terrorist must be given a fair trial

The dramatic midnight capture in Nairobi of Abdullah Ocalan, terrorist mastermind of the PKK Kurdish separatists, yesterday sparked off unprecedented Kurdish violence across Europe. With alarming co-ordination. Kurdish demonstrators stormed Greek embassies, seized hostages, fought pitched battles with police in some 20 cities and tried to set themselves alight. The violence and fanaticism inherent in the PKK philosophy could not have been more brutally demonstrated, nor could better warning have been given of the extremist actions Mr Ocalan's supporters will attempt across Europe and the Middle East when he is put on trial.

The circumstances of his capture are still murky. But it is already clear that Greece is paying a heavy price for its involvement in this affair. Its embassies have been ransacked and diplomats kidnapped on the suspicion that the Greek Ambassador somehow betrayed his unwelcome guest in Nairobi to the Kenyan authorities, allowing Turkish special forces the chance to snatch one of the most wanted men in Europe.

The Greek Prime Minister and Government have come under withering attack at home, largely from those who foolishly believe that anyone opposed to the Turks must be worthy of support. And Mr Ocalan's lawyers have begun a contemptuous campaign accusing Greece, Italy. The Netherlands and virtually every other country that refused him asykum of betraying his human rights.

Several points need underlining before the world rushes to judgment. The first is that Mr Ocalan himself has no respect for human rights. He is no martyr to Kurdish aspirations for a homeland but a brutal Marxist terrorist, whose bloody 14-year , campaign has claimed some 30,000 lives.

Turkey had every right to demand his extradition, and few should be surprised that its special forces have been deployed to capture him. And the PKK record of assassinations, anti-Turkish violence and extremism across Europe fully justifies the ban imposed in Germany and some other countries on this group as a terrorist rganisation. ....

With his capture, however, it is Turkey that is now on trial. Ankara's fight against the PKK has been bloody, short-sighted and self-defeating. The army, which runs the campaign, has brought disgrace on Turkey with its record of torture, indiscrimmate attacks on Kurdish villages and scorched earth policy. Turkish politicians have prosecuted anyone advocating normal minority rights and cultural autonomy; they have failed to make the necessary minimum concessions to stop even moderates among the eight million-strong Kurdish community seeing the PKK as their champions. As a result, Turkey has been pilloried in the Council of Europe, denounced in the European Parliament, censured by human rights organisations and refused the chance of early application to the one organisation that it regards as the embodiment of its post-Ataturk European quest - the European Union.

Bulent Ecevit, the veteran Turkish Prime Minister, was trembling with emotion at the announcement of Mr Ocalan's capture: his minority party sees unexpected advantage in next month's general election. But Mr Ecevit, the man who also ordered the invasion of Cyprus, must understand that Turkey's peace at home and its credibility abroad depend on decent treatment of the captured terrorist and on a scrupulously fair and transparent trial. The first onus will be on Turkey's Government to prove its charges against Mr Ocalan.

### **BLUE GENES**

### The Tories should beware of whipping up food scares

Opposition the ingredients for a good political row. The Conservatives spent much of yesterday blending public disquiet about genetically modified (GM) food with a dash of sleaze, a teaspoon of ministerial incompetence and a splash of opportunism for good measure. William Hague clearly hopes that this Government will stew in this controversy, just as the last was seared by BSE. But if the Conservatives wish to be regarded as a responsible, mature party. they must be wary of overstepping the line between echoing the public's anxiety about this new science and scaremongering. Naturally the public demands trustwor-

thy, independent advice about GM food. he "bond of trust", to use one of the Prime Minister's favourite phrases, has not been bolstered by revelations that Lord Sainsbury of Turville, the supermarket billionaire turned Science Minister, once owned a company which controls the worldwide patent rights for a key gene used in the modification process. Emerging just days after allegations that research into GM food may have been suppressed by officials, this news led to predictable calls for Lord Sainsbury's resignation. But there is no reason why the minister should go.

Unlike the former Paymaster General, Geoffrey Robinson, Lord Sainsbury has made no secret of his financial affairs. By transferring his company holding into a blind trust three days after becoming a minister, he appears to have abided by the rules. The purpose of such trusts is to allow individuals to share their expertise and offer advice in the sheltered world of Westminster, free from any conflict of interest. Many might be bemused that, having distanced himself from his finan-

The Government has, for once, given the cial interests, Lord Sainsbury should have to leave the room when his colleagues discuss GM foods, a specialist subject about which he knows more than virtually any other minister. Yet he is simply erring on the side of caution. Such timorousness is not a ground for resignation.

Most consumers will see the Conservative salvoes over the supermarket tycoon as a sideshow to the real debate over GM foods. The Conservatives are misguided in calling for a three-year moratorium on GM crops. Genetic engineering could offer untold advantages in the next century. Britain, home of Europe's largest biotechnology industry, stands to become a powerhouse in this new world. A moratoricountry's competitive edge, and deprive consumers of the potential benefits.

The Tories would stand on stronger ground if they stuck to berating ministers for the muddle over food labelling. There is no agreement on the minimum content of GM material that must be declared. Many consumers are under the impression that "Frankenstein foods" have yet to escape from the laboratory, even though 60 per cent of processed foods contain genetically modified soya. Giving shoppers more information about what food contains is the surest way to allay their fears.

Genetic engineering is a complex issue which cannot be addressed by soundbite assurances or allegations. If Mr Hague confronts consumers' fears in an adult manner, reaffirming his belief that informed individuals should make their own decisions about what they eat, he will win plaudits. If not, he will find that food scares are creating a Frankenstein's monster which he cannot control.

### HIGH SEAS AND HEROISM

A rescue is even more valiant than a race

A race pits man against man. It provides an honourable forum for human endeavour. But a rescue is even more valiant. Self-interest is sacrificed for the good of another. Yesterday, when Giovanni Soldini went to the aid of a stricken opponent in the Around Alone yacht race, he might have risked losing his place in one of the sailing world's most prestigious competitions, but he gained something even more valuable instead - the respect of fellow mariners. Naturally, the race organisers will now estimate how much time Soldini's rescue mission lost him and allow him to resume the competition, but when finally, in about two months' time, the winner is announced, it will not be the winning that the wider world will remember, but the singular act of heroism which took place

along the way. Ocean-racing offers one of the most challenging arenas for sporting heroism. Competitors match their skills against each other and against the elements. Yachıs are tossed like salad among winds and waves. Over the cold, vicious emptiness of the Southern Ocean, gales can blow more bitterly than anywhere on earth. No competitors enter the Around Alone unaware that they are flying in the face of the odds. When Isabelle Autissier's yacht capsized, she was stranded far out of range even of air rescue services. Soldini, may have benefited from the most up-to-date technology in coming to her aid, but he also preserved an ancient code of seafarer's honour, placing himself in the tradition of such great mariners as Ernest Shackleton.

Modern yacht races maintain such noble traditions. In the previous Around Alone, the Briton Josh Hall was rescued by an Australian, Alan Nebauer, when his vessel sank after hitting a submerged container. Pete Goss was almost drowned in honours after he saved the Frenchman Raphael Dinelli during the Vendée Globe. But the powerful, lightweight Open 60 class boats which champion yachtsmen use these days appear increasingly unsuitable for heavy seas. Almost a quarter of the skippers who sail them into the Southern Ocean capsize. And these wide, flat vessels can prove hard to right again.

Yachtsmen realise that they cannot continue to rely on the goodwill of rescue services. An expedition, such as that which saved Tim Bullimore, can cost tens of thousands of pounds. In response, the safety of vessels is being improved. Swinging keels and cambered decks help a capsized boat to recover. In an earlier leg of the current Around Alone race, the four leading skippers, monitoring the approach of a storm, mutually agreed on an imaginary way point which would divert them safely north of the heavy weather. If this self-regulation could be tightened by a few more restrictions imposed by race organisers, the sea could prove a little less perilous, though the risk and challenge, and indeed the occassional heroism, will always remain.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Government fails to allay concerns over genetically modified foods

From Dr Erik Millstone and Professor Tim Lang

Str. The Government has assured the public that the four GM (genetically modified) foods which have already entered the UK's food supply are entirely safe and that new GM foods will be permitted only if their safety is guaranteed. The value of that assurance is, however, undermined by the poverty of the evidence upon which it is based.

There is no general requirement that GM crops be subject to long-term feeding studies to check if they damage the health of laboratory animals. There is, similarly, no requirement to check their effects on the immune system. This was the sort of research which Dr Arpad Pusztai and his colleagues (reports and leadand his colleagues (reports and leading article. February 13) were conduct-

ing in Aberdeen. The excuse for not requiring or conducting tests has been that those GM foods have been deemed "substantially equivalent" to the varieties already in our food supply. But this notion of substantial equivalence is tantamount to deciding not to require further tests.

Professor John Beringer, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment, explained to the House of Lords Europe Committee (Lords Hansard, May 13, 1998, pp 2 and 3) that studies on the environmental impact of GM crops have been designed by the firms that conduct or sponsor them to ensure that no evidence of adverse impact is ever generated, and therefore almost nothing useful can be learnt from a scrutiny of the resulting data. We

However safe these crops might be, consumer choice should be paramount Consumers have been promised that strict labelling rules will be introduced next month, but they may well ask why the introduction of GM foods was permitted before the labelling rules had been set.

If the new Food Standards Agency is to be more than a generically engineered hybrid of the Ministry of Agriculture, rules will need to be changed to ensure that none of the expert advisers, on whom policymakers rely, may act as a paid consultant to the companies whose products they evaluate.

We have been promised by the Government that all the scientific information available to the agency will be publicly accessible. Until that happens, it will be extremely hard to evaluate the conflicting claims con-cerning the work of Dr Pusztai. Surely it is time for the Food Standards Agency Bill to be promoted rapidly up the parliamentary agenda.

Yours faithfully. ERIK MILLSTONE, University of Sussex. TIM LANG, Tharnes Valley University, As from: Science Policy Research Unit. University of Sussex Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RF. e.p.millstone@sussex.ac.uk February 14.

From the Director of GeneWatch

Sir, Dr Jack Cunningham is wrong to say the Government has never received clear advice from its advisers to act to ban a GM food ("Blair resists calls for ban", February 13). In 1996, the Government's scientific advisers said that the unrestricted use of GM maize produced by Ciba-Geigy (now Novarris) posed "an unacceptable risk" because of concerns that the antibiotic resistance gene it contains could be transferred to organisms causing diseases, making them resistant to treatment (Biotechnology Unit, Department of the Environment, April 1996 — Notification for Consent to Market from a Member State, Ref: C/F/94/11-03).

Although the previous Government did vote against the introduction of GM maize, the decision was overridden by the European Commission and a licence for unrestricted use of the maize given in February 1997. The Austrian and Luxembourg Governments banned the import and growing of such maize. In contrast, the UK

Government has taken no action. To remain credible, the Government must follow the advice of its scientists and ban Novartis GM

Yours sincerely, SUE MAYER. Director, GeneWatch. The Courtyard. Whitecross Road, Tideswell, Buxton, Derbyshire SKI7 8NY. February 13.

From Mr Seweryn Chamet

Sir. Unlike some other human activities, all science must be practised in public; indeed it must always be

Your leading article, "Genetic resist-

ance" (February 13), goes with micro-surgical precision to the heart of this matter by calling for the publication of all tests on genetically modified foods. How else can consumers make up their mind about the safety of products offered to them by powerful

Yours faithfully. SEWERYN CHOMET (Visiting Research Fellow). King's College London, Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS. February 14

From Mrs Edwina Currie

Sir. The fuss about genetically engineered food is itself a little synthetic. There is nothing natural about an Aberdeen Angus bull, a Tamworth pig or a Cox's Pippin. Even the term eedless fruit" is a contradiction in terms, yet we consume large quantities without a second thought.

The difference comes with the transfer of genes from one species to another. It must surely be wise to question why a potato might benefit from doctoring with a snowdrop gene, or whether it is sensible to scatter human genes about like so much confetti.

The plethora of advisory bodies does not help. Government ministers are not suffering from a lack of advice but an avalanche of it — and nearly all the data comes from those enterprises that are set to gain most.

Meanwhile the potential for genetic therapy amongst humans has slipped into the background, yet the techniques are similar. The day is close at hand when we will be able to eliminate harmful elements in embryos, such as those genes (already identified) for breast cancer or cystic fibrosis. What next: will we be tempted to make improvements, much as the plant scientists are now doing? Where are the ethics in that?

It is time for the Government to develop some strategic thinking. A genetics authority, to cover every aspect of genetic engineering in plants, animals and people, could be a long-term goal. It could commission independent research; it could set up rules and guidelines; it could license premises and projects. Its membership might include consumers, the disabled, the retailers, the clinics and the moralists.

Science is only as good, or as bad, as the uses to which it is put. Governments cannot avoid their responsibility to ensure that, as far as is humanly

possible, into the foreseeable future, the gains outweigh the risks, and the risks are understood.

Yours sincerely, EDWINA CURRIE (Minister of Health, 1986-88). The Tower House, Findern, Derbyshire DE65 6AP. February 15.

From Mr Nick Royle

Sir, The argument over genetic modification is made more important by the difficulty of determining which foods contain it, in spite of the Prime Mini-ster's assurance (report, February 16).

As someone who would prefer not to eat such foods, I visited my local branch of Tesco's today, having called beforehand to find out the store's policy (not many GM foods, but items clearly marked). I filled my basket and then, aided by the manager, pro-ceeded to remove three-quarters of the

contents. We then tried to replace the products with non-GM items. I ended up with virtually no packaged food. Ready-made puddings, including those purporting to be fresh, were excluded. I do feel it is time that all supermarkers clearly labelled such foods, possibly having separate non-

As for the Prime Minister telling us that he eats GM food regularly. I seem to remember a government minister cramming a burger down his daughter's throat in similar circum-

Yours sincerely. NICK ROYLE The Garden Flat, 98 Beaufort Street, SW3 6BU. February 16.

From Mr Peter Whittle

Sir, Nature may not have done a perfect job in my case but I am an accommodating cove and have be-come used to what she created.

It is not that I am too old a dog rather that I don't actually like the prospect of modification without the option. If the Government and supermarkets assure me that genetically modified food is safe, I instinctively want it clearly labelled so that I may

Yours faithfully, PETER WHITTLE, Thrift Wood, Pigeon House Lane, Freeland, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 8AG. February 14.

### Arsenal's 'fair play'

From Mr Simon Carne

Sir, It is right that Arsenal's FA Cup match against Sheffield United is to article, February 15). But one does wonder whether the credit rightly belongs with Arsenal's manager, Arsene Wenger. Was the idea really his? Eveo as he announced the offer, be rejected as "cheating" the much simpler remedy that one of his players could simply have knocked the ball into his own goal.

If the decision to replay the match is not to lead to "unscrupulous copycat claims", the FA should make it clear that its decision is in no way to be interpreted as overruling the referee's judgment during the game. Under the rules of football, "unsporting behaviour is a cautionable offence, not a foul.

The referee may not stop the game for unsporting behaviour. He can only wait until the ball is out of play (in this case, in the Sheffield United goal) and then give a yellow card to the offending players, if he thought their unsporting actions deliberate.

Yours faithfully, SIMON CARNE, G07 Regent Court. Wrights Lane, W8 5SJ.

From Mr David Morgan

Sir, Having witnessed the amazing scenes at Highbury last Saturday from my seat in the North Stand, can only applaud the prompt and sensible decision of Arsenal to offer a replay to their opponents.

Most supporters still remember the similar incident with Blackburn Rovers two seasons ago, which cost Arsenal a place in the Champions League. However, they still felt that although the offending player in Saturday's match had come from the Italian league, where such niceties as "fair play" are deemed hardly to exist. this was no way to win such an important match.

Yet one has to question whether had the incident occurred in the match between, say. Barnsley and Bristol Rovers, their managers and club officials would have exerted the same influence on the FA as Arsène Wenger and Arsenal's vice-chairman, David Dein. The concept of "fair play" needs to spread right through the Premier League, Nationwide League and beyond, and if the incident promotes a debate on the general conduct of players whilst on the pitch then much good could yet come from what happened at High-

bury on Saturday.

Is it too much to hope that we may even see an end to the shirt-tugging, diving and general play-acting that has become a permanent feature of our favourite sporting pastime?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MORGAN, 8a Downsway, Merrow GUI 2YA. February 15.

### Straw plan 'echoes Third Reich'

From Mr Tim de Ferrars

Sir. Some correspondents take a between Tony Blair and Hitler (letters, February 11, 12, 15).

Today's report (see also leading article) that Jack Straw proposes the incarceration of British citizens for what they might do - rather than what they have done - is sinister enough to puncture the joke.

Yours faithfully, TIM de FERRARS. Bramble Cottage, Seymour Road, Headley Down, Hampshire GU35 8JX. February 16.

From Mr Paul Hardy

Sir, Mr Michael Weigall reminds us (letter, February 11) that in February 1974 the electorate were faced with an election on the issue of "Who runs Britain?", and he suggests that the defeat of the Tory Government in that election was a vote against constitutional principle.

I hope the day never comes when a sitting Prime Minister is allowed not only to decide when a general election should be called, but to determine

new female musicians in the band of

the Welsh Guards amply illustrates the absurdity of dressing women in uniforms designed for men. In the days when the Queen attended her

Birthday Parade on horseback, she

was clever enough not to make that mistake. She wore a specially modi-

fied version of a Footguards Colonel's

full dress uniform and looked superb

The MoD should learn from Her

Majesty's example.

February II.

Yours faithfully, JEREMY MONSON (Grenadier Guards, 1952-67).

Scattered relics

From Mr Christopher Y. Nutt

Dublin, Glasgow or Edghaston.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER Y. NUTT.

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February 8.

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Hare Hatch, nr Reading RG10 9TL.

Sir, As a lawyer of some thirty years'

standing, I can assure your correspondents (letters, February 8) that the

relics of Saint Valentine are not in

No Sir, they are scattered all over

the divorce courts of southern Eng

Women in uniform

From Major Jeremy Monson

what the important issues to be decided to that election should be. Mr Weigall's criticism of the electorate for getting rid of the 1970-74 Government reminds me somewhat

of Hitler's complaint that the German people had proved unworthy of him. Yours faithfully, PAUL HARDY, 8 Jackman House Watts Street, El 9PU hardypaui@hotmail.com

From Mr Larry Rushton

February II.

Sir, Mr Weigall really cannot blame the national electorate for the outcome of the February 1974 "miners" elec-

Overall, Heath's Tories actually won nearly a quarter of a million votes more than the Labour Party. The vagaries of our medieval constituency system allowed Harold Wilson to wriggle into power by the thickness of a cigarette paper.

Yours sincerely, LARRY RUSHTON, 10 Smith Close, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DW. February 11.

### 'Unsafe' IRA conviction

From His Honour Joseph Dean Sir. Your photograph today of the two

Sir, It seems surprising that no misgivings have been expressed in your columns about the Court of Appeal judgment quashing the 1990 conviction of Nicholas Mullen for an IRA bombing conspiracy, together with the sentence of 30 years' imprisonment (report, February 5). No irregularity was alleged concerning the conduct of the trial or the conviction or the sentence. But because the appellant had been illegally deported from Zimbabwe, and had been deprived of legal advice in that country and the chance of being deported or extradited to somewhere else, the court held that a conviction in this country was "unsafe" and the trial "unlawful" The court rebuked the security

services and the police for their failure to adhere to the rule of law; but it is not easy to see why this failure justified the retrospective acquittal of an appellant otherwise properly tried and convicted of a most murderous

Yours faithfully, JOSEPH DEAN, The Hall, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent TN25 5LZ. February 16.

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0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk **Monitoring QCs** 

From Mr Alan Mackinnon

Sir, Appraisal of QCs, suggested by Mr Andrew Dismore, MP (letter, simplest of forms. If they are beyond their prime, or insufficiently educated in their field of expertise, they will not get instructions. In reality a sitting MP in a safe seat seems far more secure in his or her position.

Yours faithfully, ALAN MACKINNON, 71 Elsham Road, W14 8HD. February 15.

From Mr Roger Jenkins Sir, Whilst it is correct that our Members of Parliament are elected, surely their "selection" is, to quote Mr Dismore's reference to QCs, "from second-hand information based on secret references never made availa-

ble either to applicants or the public". Yours faithfully, R. O. JENKINS. Haycorns, Fairmead Road, Edenbridge, Kent TNS 6JR. February 16.

### The English identity

From Dr Derek W. Arthur

Sir. The extensively travelled Scot, David Wilson (letter, February 13), has failed to encounter "a modest English person". I am a Scot who has no need to travel to meet one: I am married to one.

Indeed, she is too modest to claim to match Mr Wilson's qualities — "friendly, easygoing, genuine and car-ing" — though well-qualified to do so.

Yours faithfully, D. W. ARTHUR, 25 Waulkmill Drive, Penicuik, Midiothian EH26 8LA. derek@maths.ed.ac.uk

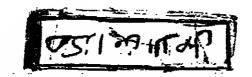
From Mr Laurence Boyd Sir, I agree with Miss Alice Goddand's views on national identity (letter, February 9). Boasting about modesty is typical of the English.

Yours faithfully. LAURENCE BOYD, 96 Alderman Road, Glasgow G13 3BW.

### Knot rated

From Mr Jack Norfolk Sir, My father always said: "Never trust a man who wears a bow-tie, unless he is a gynaecologist" (letters, February 5 and 12).

Yours faithfully, JACK NORFOLK, 2 The Street, Little Waldingfield, Nr Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0SQ. February 13.





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE Rebruary 16: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckinghan Palace

The Right Hon Tony Blair, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an Audience of

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 16: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, this morning received Dr Nicholas Carey, Mr Paul Wates and Mr David Young at Buckingham Pal-

His Royal Highness, Life Member, today attended a Lunch at the new Naval and Military Club, 4 St James's Square, London, WT. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chan cellor, this evening attended a Reception to celebrate The Univer-

sity of Cambridge's partnership with industry and business at St CLARENCE HOUSE February 16: Licutenant-Colonel Simon Mayall today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, upon relinquish-

Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Andrews also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Com-manding Officer, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 16: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Britannia **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** February 16: The Princess Royal,

Chancellor, University of London, this morning visited the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way. Camden, London WCl.

afternoon visited the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in its 50th Anniversary Year, at 28 Russell Souare, Camden, London WCl. The Princess Royal, later pre-

KENSINGTON PALACE

a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presen-tation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides. ST JAMES'S PALACE

Trustee, the National Museum of Science and Industry, this evening attended a reception at Spencer House, London SWI.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will undertake engagements in Brighton, East Sussex. Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend the award's Friends' reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00, fol-lowed by the award's annual Charter Member dinner at St

James's Palace at 7.45. The Princess Royal will visit Bakewell, Derbyshire, to view various aspects of the Bakewell Project - a scheme to secure the future of Bakewell through economic, social, business, support and training needs of the communi-ty — at 10.00; will visit Royal Crown Derby, Osmaston Road, Derby, at 11.30; as Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice reau's 60th anniversary celebration and open its new premises at Progressive Building, Sitwell Street, Derby, at 12.20; will open the new factory extension at Thorntons, Thornton Park, Somercotes Alfreton, at L20; and will visit Green Gables Cheshire Home, Wingfield Road, Alfreton, at 3.10.

### Hill House

House International Junior School, 17 Hans Place, London SWIX OEP, are invited to a reception on April 23 to mark the loundation and the 90th hirthday to the school with your current for full details and an invitation.

MrGlyn Davies has been appointed Ambassador to Panama from March in succession to Mr Bill Sinton who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appoint-

Her Royal Highness, Chancel-lor, University of London, this

sented The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers The Prin-cess Royal Award 1998 at Bucking-

February I6: The Princess Marga-ret, Countess of Snowdon, Presi-dent, The Guide Association, beld

February 16: The Duke of Kent,

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

February 16: Princess Alexandra, President of the Children's Country Holidays Fund, this afternoon attended the presentation to the charity of the "Investors in People Award" at POCUS, Central London Training and Enterprise Coun-cil, Centre Point, New Oxford

### Dr H.D. Cockburn, MC

A celebration of the life of Dr H.D. Cockburn (Cocky), former Medical Superintendent, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, will be held at St James's Church, Sussex Gardens, W2, on Friday, March 19, at 2.30pm.

### Mr Nigel

Kent-Lemon A service to celebrate the life of Nigel Kent-Lemon will be held on Friday, March 26, 1999, at noon at Holy Trinity Brompton, Knights-bridge. All family, friends and colleagues are welcome. A reception will follow.

Louis Schaffer

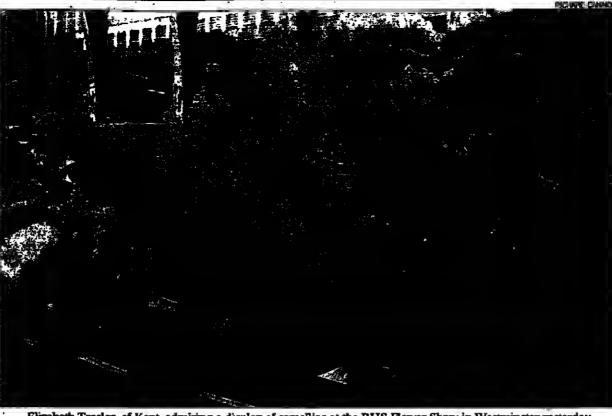
A memorial meeting in memory of Louis Schaffer, barrister of 10 King's Beach Walk, Temple, will be held in the Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple, on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome but please advise clerk if attending on 0171 353 2501.

### Appointments in the Forces

Air Vice-Marshal D C Couzens to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Logistics) from February 19 in succession to Major-General G Ewer.

Air Commodore: D R Williams, SHAPE, 15.299
Group Captain: M D Stringer,
TGDA, 15.299: I J O MacEachern, JSCSC, 15.2.99

JSCSC, IS299
Wing Commander: N E Wharmby, TTT Cottesmore, 22,1.99; D R
Paton, Waddington, 22,1.99; R 1
Elliott, Brize Norton, 24,1.99; P W
Gray, Main Building, 25,1.99; N M
Connell, D Air Plans, 29,1.99; M C
Grayn, Main Building, 12,09; 1 P Green, Main Building, 12.99; J P Squelch, Aircent, 12.99; C M Rackham, HOPTC, 12.99; M L Page, RAFIO Benson, 15.2.99; S A Waygood, MOD, 15.2.99.



Elizabeth Traslor, of Kent, admiring a display of camellias at the RHS Flower Show in Westminster yesterday

### Snowdrops sparkle into gold

BY ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

TO THE casual observer all snowdrops may look alike but closer inspection reveals that they vary greatly in size, shape and flower markings.

Forgrove Plants, of Newbury, is

providing an opportunity to study at close quarters a wide range of snowdrops at the Royal Horticultural Society's Flower Show.

Its gold medal exhibit includes one of the tallest snowdrops, Galanthus plica-tum "Warham" with very large flowers on eight to nine inch stems. The flowers of some snowdrops are heavily marked with green, including "Merlin" and "Jacquenetta". Also very distinctive is "Trym", which has a green blotch on each petal. "Blond Inge" is marked with yellow spots.

Dwarf spring bulbs are featuring strongly at this show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset, has created a woodland garden with a Devon hank planted with a range of snowdrops, daffodils and other small bulbs. Another part of this gold medal exhibit shows the more formal use of dwarf bulbs. Iris

Birthdays today

Sir Derek Andrews, former civil

servant, 66; Mr Alan Bates, actor,

65; Dr Gordon Cook, former President, Royal Society of Tropi-cal Medicine and Hygiene, 67; the Earl of Dundonald, 38; the Earl of

Elgin and Kincardine, KT, 75: Lord Root, 90: Mr Bernie Grant, MP, 55: Lord Hoyle, 69: Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer and au-thor, 65: Sir Gordon Jones, former

chairman, Yorkshire Water, 72;

Mr R.P. Kennedy, Head Master, Highgate School, 50; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 58;

General Sir John Mogg, 86: Mr Norman Pace, comedian, 46: Dr

Claire Palley, former Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 68: Baron-ess Rendell of Babergh, 69: Miss

ess renden of Bubergh, 69; Miss Patricia Routledge, actress, 70; Lord Slynn of Hadley, 69; Com-mandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 77; Mr Benjamin Whitrow, actor, 62; Sir Anthony

Church of Scotland

The Rev Dr David Sinciair, Minis-

ter of Martyrs Church, St An-

drews, to be the first full-time secretary of the Church and Na-

tion Committee from March ZZ.

er to HM Treasury, 7L

Breakfast

Turkish, Trans-Cancasian and

Central Asian Business Breakfast

The Minister of State for Defence

Procurement was the guest of honour at the launch of the Turkish.

Trans-Caucasian and Central Asian

Breakfast Club held yesterday at the House of Commons, Mr Tony

Buldry, MP, and Mr Ben Chap-man, MP, were the hosts. Mr

Sarosh Zaiwalla, co-convenor of the Asian Business Breakfast Club,

welcomed the guests. The Ambessadors of Turkey, the Australian

Ggia, Mr Tan Eggar, Mr Tim Melville-Ross and Professor Ewen Anderson were among the speakers.

HMS Victory Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Sec-

ond Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and

Lady Brigstocke were the hosts at a

dinner held last night in HMS Victory in aid of the Palkland Islands Memorial Chapet Trust Among those present were:

Adming Sir John Woodward, Str Jeak Hayward, Sir Graham and Lody Hearne, Sir Maurice and Lady Leing, Mrs Prim Hoult, Mis Patil Bloom, Brigadier and Mrs Johnny Rickets, Mr and Mrs Robin Pacced-da, Mr Julkus Wootner, Mr and Mrs Michael Bruston, Mr and Mrs Anthony Hudson and Mrs Marjorle Bowdon,

Service dinner

histrioides "Angel's Eye", a new hybrid with clear blue flowers, is being shown

for the first time. The gold medal display of dwarf bulbs from Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton. Lincolnshire, includes a daffodil named by the nursery. Bob Potterton bought some bulbs of Narcissus romieuxii collected from the Atlas Mountains in Morocco in 1968, grew them on, selected out the best forms and named one of them Treble Chance. It has large flared

pale-cream flowers. Another highlight of the show is a gold medal display of Hepaticas from Ash-wood Nurseries of Kingswinford, West Midlands. These are hardy dwarf spring flowering woodland perennials with bowl-shaped or starry flowers suited to shady parts of the garden. The nurseries are showing species, varieties and bybrids from Europe, Asia, Japan and America. They are launching a new hybrid at the show - Hepatica media "Harvington Beauty", with pale to mid-blue semi-double flowers. It orginated in a garden in the Vale of Evesham. Worcestershire. The American species H Americana is very distinctive with purple flushed foliage and tiny single pale-blue

Service luncheons

Colonel and Alderman Sir Paul

Newall was the principal guest at a luncheon of serving and retired

officers, warrant officers and sen-ior non commissioned officers of

the London Scottish held last night

Mr Stephen J. Norris, Director-General of the Road Haulage

Association, was the guest of

honour at a luncheon of the Royal

Artuy Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers Lunch-eon Club held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's, Briga-dier B.C. Ridley, vice-chairman,

Tallow Chandlers' Company

Mr R.A.B. Nicotle, Master of the

Tallow Chandlers' Company, pre-sented awards to City and Guikis

vocational education students at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Professor Kevin Warwick, Reading University, also

nel, presided

RASC and RCT

Luncheon

Other gold medallists are Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, (a display of trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants for early spring colour), and Lincluden Nursery of Bisley Green, Surrey (a colourful display of

A spectacular shrub in the .RHS ornamental plant competition is Aucuba japonica "Picturata" with gold-splashed leaves, shown by Elizabeth Bullivant, of Zeals. Wiltshire, in the class for four trees or shrubs, for which she has gained first

In the British Iris Society's early spring show, which features the bulbous reticulata irises, Berney Baughen of Downe, Kent, has scooped the major prizes: the Mini Peckham Cup for three pots, and the Patricia Linnegar Memorial Trophy for a container planted for effect. Gold medals have been awarded to the

following artists: Marta Chirino-Argenta. of Madrid (ink drawings of aquatic plants from Castille, La Mancha, Spain), and Deborah Lambkin of Dublin (water colour and gonache paintings of Ner-

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

### Dinners

Coningsby Club The Hon Francis Maude, Shadow Chancellor, was the guest of bonour and speaker at a dinner given by the officers and commit-iee of the Coringsby Club last night at the Carlton Club. at Girdlers' Hall to mark the survival of the regiment after the Strategic Defence Review, Colonel R.D. Holliday, Regimental Colo-The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP.

presided. Mr Joseph Dwyer, President of the Chartered Institute of Building. last night at Guildhall. Sir John an. Mr Paul Shepherd and Mi

Anthony Bingham also spoke. Old Westminster Lawyers The annual Old Wester yers Shrove Toesday dinner of lawvers who were at Westminster School was held last night at the Garrick Club. Mr Giles Wintle presided. Mr Tristram Jones-Parry, the new Headmaster, was the guest.

The Club of Rome Professor Brian Locke was the bost at a dinner-discussion of the British Association for the Club of Rome held yesterday at the Athenacum. Dr Hans DuMoulins was the speaker.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr P.M.B. Collier and Miss A.J.St.C. McBride

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr Mark Collier, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Mrs Susan Collier, of Punknowie, Dorser, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Mr Barrie St Clair McBride and of Mrs McBride, of Hilton, Dorset. Mr D.S.N. Freeland

The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mrs Pelicity Freeland, of Parsons Green, London, and Mr Neale Freeland, of Barnes, and Rebecca, Scutt, of Humbly Grove, South

Warnborough, Hampshire. Mr IT. Green and Miss G.M. White The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs John Green, of Markbeech, Cowden. Kent, and Georgins, younger daughter of Mr John Whitmore and

the late Mrs Elspeth Whitmore, of Hartfield, East Sussex. Mr T.P. Harrison d Miss N.E. Beeston

between Patrick; son of Mr and Mrs T.A. Harrison, of Horsted Keynes, Sussex, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Beeston, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Mr R.D.R. Milner

and Miss G.D.M. Winters The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Milner, of Roundhay, Leeds, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Winters, of Longdon Common, Shropshire.

Mr S. Pincy and Miss A.E. Philpott The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Crispin Piney, of Valbonne, France, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Philpott, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

Mr G.A. Powell and Miss S.A. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Gary, elder son of Mir and Mrs R.A. Powell, of Eastham, Wirral, and Sarah, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs K.B. Wilson, of Oxford, and West Bradley, Somerset.

Mr P.T. Putnam and Miss R.J. Windson The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Ray Putnam, of Rodmell, East Sussex, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Windsor. of Bristol.

Mr M.R. San Mr M.R. Samuelson and Miss M.C. Beadon The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Samuelson, of Clare, Suffolk, and Claire, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Guy Beadon, of Little Newsham, Co Durham.

and Miss B.C. Gilson The engagement is announced between Richard Neil, younger son of Sir Neil and Ludy MacFarlane. of Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Bridget Clare, younger daughler of Mr and Mrs Nigel Gilson, of Kidmore End, South Oxfordshire.

Mr M.I. Ramotoo

and Miss K.L. Braithwaite The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs John Rampton, of Easton Lodge, Norwich, and Kane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Braithwaite, of Bullocks Farm. West Wycombe.

Mr.D.C. Rees

and Dr S-A. Francis The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Dr and Mrs David B. Rees, of Lake Orion, Michigan, USA, and Sally-Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derrick Francis, of Swansea, South Wales.

Marriages

Mr H.J.P. Parr and Miss C.E.F. Platt The marriage took place on Saturday, February 13, 1999, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London WI. between Mr Henry John Philip Parr, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Farr, of Worksop, and Miss Claudie Eveline Penwick Platt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Platt, of London. Pather Oliver McTernan officiated, assisted by

the Rev Philip Tennant. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Willa Gray, Zoë-Fircks, Claudia Esnouf and Hugo Fullerton. Mr Rupert Uloth and Mr Hugo Fircks were best men.

A reception was held at the Savile Club and the honeymoon is

being spent in Africa.

Mr D.E. Hatch and Miss M.P. Clancy The marriage took place on Saturday. February 13, 1999, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London WI, between Mr David Hatch and Miss Mary Clancy, eldest daughter of Mrs Clancy and the late Michael Clancy.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Kevin Clancy. Mr Terry Wogan was best man. A reception was held at the Savoy Hotel.

Mr W.P. Jeaks and Mrs CA. Thompson The marriage took place on Febru-ary 13, in Shropshire, of Mr William Jenks, only son of Mr Bryan Jenks and the late Mrs Anne Aitwood, and Mrs Caroline Thompson, only daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel Owain Foster and of Mrs Paddy Boden.

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: 'Arcangelo Corelli, composer, Fusignano, Haly, 1653; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, shire, 1862; A.B. (Banjo) Paterson, poet, journalist and author of Waitzing Matilda, Narambia, New South Wales, 1864.

DEATHS: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burnt at the stake in Rome, 1600; Molière (stage name of Jean Baptiste Poquelin), play-wright, Paris, 1673; Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg. Switzerland, 1827; Geronimo, ma, 1908; Albert 1, King of the Belgians 1909-34, killed in a climbing accident in the Ardemes, 1934; Graham Sutherland, painter, 1980. Baron. Karl von Drais de Sauer-brum patented the "draisine".

the forerunner of the bicycle, 1818. A bomb exploded at the Winter Palace, St Petersburg, in an at-The first public experimental demonstration of Baird television was transmitted from Crystal Palace to

The British Parliament voted to join the Common Market, 1972.

### Reception

British Safety Council Sir Neville Purvis, Director Gener-al of the British Safety Council. was the host at a reception held was the nost at a reception rein
yesterday at Armourers' Hall for
the council's Diploma in Safety
Management, Diploma in Environmental Management and Five
Star Health and Safety Manage ment System Audit awards.

BMDS: 0171 680 6880

PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

BIRTHS

### PERSONAL COLUMN

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ereth the poor the LOED will deliver him in thee of trouble. Psalm 41.1 (AV)

Blessed is he that consid

BIRTHS

ADAM - On 8th February, to Suzan (née Edney) and James, a daughter, Harriet Victoria, a sister for ADAMSON - On February

8th, to Kay (née Andrews) and Nicholas, a son, Edward James, a brother for Samuel. ALDRIGTON - On 10th February, to Melliss (née Trowell) and Richard, a daughter, Constance Poppy, a beautiful sister for Cecily.

allan - On February 14th, to Siân (née Warr) and Andrew, a son, Thomas William, a half brother for BREWNER - On 3rd February

1999, to Kathryn (née Crosbie) and Chris, a son, Archie James, a brother SUTTERWORTH - On January 28th 1999, to Janes (née Dibley) and Tylet, a son, Todd.

COLLER - On February 14th, to Dominic and Rachel (nde Tarnoy), a daughter, Rosa Imogan, a sister for Samuel and Lotin. noton-SMITH - On February

10th 1999, to Anna (née Hogg) and Adam, a sou, Archie George Theodore, a brother for Guy, Kit and DRURY . On 17th January in

Peru to Alexandra (née Aranda) and Robert, a son, Maurice Robert Denis. BLIS On February 13th at Donna and Mark, a daughter Holly Anne. GELÉR - On 14th February. In Budapest, to Carolina (née MacMahon) and Baláza, a son, Kéroly Michael Baláza.

GRANGER - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle (née Haig) and John, a daughter, Loia Abigail, a sister for Jed Alfia. JELLEYMAN - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Melanie (née Newey) and Paul, a precions son, Luke John David,

LARDON - On February 11th in London, to Jane (née Jackson) and Robin, a son, a little brother for Arabella and Henry. McKBLAY - On February 11th, to Backy (nde Impey) and Isson, a daughter, Charlotte Kate.

ROSE - On 9th February, to Sarah (née Cusens) and Colin, a beautiful son, William Rory, a brother for Elegnor and Alexandra. SMITH - On February 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Cates) and Martin, a son, Henry, a brother for Charlotte.

SUDLOW - On February 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Gall and Mike, a son, James, a brother for Olivia and Josh. YANDAMME - On February 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Brends (née Harper) and Mare, a daughter, Emilia, a sister for Auralia.

DEATHS

ARESBURY - Jean.
Marchioness of Allesbury, died peacefully on February 14th 1999 aged 80. Widow of Cadric 7th Marquess of Allesbury, and beloved mother of Charles Brudenell-Bruce. Church Service at Bt Katharine's, Savanake Forest, Mariborough, Wiltshire, at 3 pm on February 24th 1999. Funeral anguiries to Hilller Puneral Service, tek (01793) 522797.

DEATHS

BARRY - Wayns Christopher aged 27 · tragically on 5th February, 1999. Beloved son of Julie and a dearty loved brother, grandson, nephray and uncle. nephow and uncle. Funeral service at St. Pete Fineral service at St. Peter and Panit's Catholic Church, liferd at 10.00 am on Thursday, 18th February followed by burial at Barkingside Cometery, Wayne will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Enquiries to C. Salby & Son, Tel. 0181, 980 3034.

BEACH - David, after a short illness on 15th February, aged 55. Professor of History, University of Zimbatwe. Dearly leved husband of Gill, son of Norman and Joan and brother of Judy of Margate, South Africa, brother-in-isw of Bob and Jean Durrell of Bramhell, Cheshire, Friend and colleague to many including distinguished scademic associates worldwide. David will be

BEVAR - On 11th February 1999 peacafully to Brighton, Bryan aged 85 years. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Palmeri Square, Hove, on February 18th at 3 pm, followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Dr. Barnardos c/o Hanningtons FD, 4–6 Monteflore Road, Hove,

tel: (01273) 778733.

BROCK - Ray Barrington, MBE at Clementsdome, Oxtad on 14th February, aged 91. Much loved husband of Rosemary, uncie of Disma and Nicholas. Fuseral 1 pm 24th February at Worth Crematorium. Ne flowers

CAMERON - On February
11th, James McNeish of
Teddington, beloved
husband of Mary, Lather of
Shells, Michale and Ross.
A Sarvice of Thanksgiving
will be held on Tuesday
February 22rd at 25 Markh

February 23rd at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road,

DEWIDNEY - On 11th
February Duncen
Alexantier Cox Dewidney,
husband of the late Ann,
father of Caroline and
Christine, grandfather of
Lydis and GreatGrandfather of Abigail.
Much loved. Cremation
private.

Dickers - Kenneth
Wyndham, peacefully at
home, on February 15th
1998, aged 91 years. Much
loved Husband of Shella
and Father to Sarah and
Jane. Funeral Service at St
Margareta Church
Ditching on Friday 19th
February at 2,45pm.
Family Howers only, but
donations if desired for
Sursex Archaeological
Society may be sont to
Bowley Funeral Service,
30 Keymer Road,
Hassocks, West Sussex,
BNS 5AN. tel 61273 BN6 8AN, tel 01273 84171 L

BLIWOOD - John on 12th February 1999 at his hou in Muswell Hill aged 75 years. Deeply missed husband of his wife Joan, husband of his wife Jean, loving father of Pat, See, Terest, Sendra and Jennie and much loved granded and great-granded. Funeral Service at Marylebone Gremsterium, Tuesday 23rd February at 2 pm. FAITH - Mary, at Harrogate on 12th February, Widow of Alan, Mother of Kit, Anthony and the late Richard, A very special grandmother to Camilla, Ninholas, Hugh, Gny and James, Private cramation at Harrogate on 22nd February, Service of at narrogate on 22nd February, Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel, Somerast on Monday 12th April at 2.30

Monday 12th April at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Douatons, if desired, psyable to Forsey & Son, Found Pool, Somerton, Somerton, Somerton, All ELZ (for the St Andrew's Church Restoration Appeal).

Restoration Appeal).
FRENCH - Margaret Annis (Peggy). Died peacefuily at home surrounded by her family on Sanday 14th. February aged 56 A very loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private. A thankspiving sarvice will be held at 2.30pm on Friday 19th March, Stoke Abbott. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to \$1 March, Stoke Abbott and the National Hospital for Nervous About and the Namous Hespital for Nervous Disease c/o & C. Down Ltd., Funeral Directors, 66 South Street, Bridport DT6 3NN (01308-422643).

SADSTONE - Naconi (GGG) eachstone - Naomi (GGG)
91 died pencefully at home
- what a sport, to the very
end. Anne, Jeen and Kitty.
A Thunkspiving Service at
St Mary's Church,
Oatlands, Weybridge at
4pm on 12th March.

G. PHODRING - Barbara (Boo)
nes Charnock-Smith, died
peacafully at home on 12th
February 1999. Very loving
and loved wife of Michael.
Private funeral. No
flowers, please. Donations,
if desired, to The Injured
Jocksys Fund, c/o Philip
Ford & Son, Dirieton
House, Cainscress Road,
Strond, Glox.

HEWETT - Maurice Rewett
LS.O., pessed away
pescefully to hospital 13th
February 1999. Funeral
will take place Worthing
Cresstorium Monday
22nd February 3.20 pm.
Any enquiries to (01903)

Fibrary 15th, 1999, pencarally at home in Richen, Switzerfand, after a long lineau bravely borne, Monfile, aged 52. Dearty loved wife of Framand leving mother of Eristian and Caroline. Eristian and Caroline. Private impact. Family flowers only, Donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

P.W. Johnson D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., father of Virginis and Hugo, died on Friday 12th February aged 90.
Memorial service of thanksgiving at St Jemes Church, Shews, near Guildford on 11th March at 11.30 am. Donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.
Private cramation.

KMLEW - Dorris died in hospital on 12th Pebruary 1999, loving mother of Anna and Michael. Funeral Service at Downs Funeral Service at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Tuesday 23rd February at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in Open Spaces Seciety c/o Flamingtons FD, 4-6 Monteflore Road, Hove, tal: (01273) 176733.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

iAWMAN - On Pehrosry 13th 1999 Derek Keith the dearly loved Husband of Anne and loving Father of Nick, Sarah and Mark, The Nick, Sarah and Mark. The fomeral service will take place on Mondey February 22nd at St Mary's Parish. Church, Bowdon, Cheshire at 11 am to be followed by a private Izzally cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations for the benefit of The Marie Curie Memorial Promotein ways he sent to

etion may be sent to Grove Lane, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 &JE. Telephone

LEWIS - Molly, widow of Tim (ex India and Uganda), dearly leved mother of Gall, Mandy and Tim, peacefully on 18th February, Funeral service Friday 19th February, 3.00pm at the United Reformed Church, Avebury, No flowers please. Donations instead to KUKEA eto John Stuart Funeral Service, Castle Farm, Hillworth Road, Devises, With SN10 5HD.

LEWIS - Frances Bestride died pescafully on February 10th aged 89. Family from ages ex-framily commented follower by Thankagiving Service at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon. Family Gowere

MACKAY - Alastair CMG, died pescelfully at home on 13th February 1999, aged 87. Devoted husband of Edith, father of Margaret and Alex and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Easthourne Crematorium at 2.30pm on Wednesday 24th February. Family Gowere only.

MARPLES - Richard
Ransford MSc (New
Zesimd) BM (Oxon)
FRCPath. Died, aged 64,
pescefully at home on 12th
february. Cremation at
Cheltenham Friday 19th
February at 12:30 pm. No
flowers. Donations if
desired to St Luice's
Hospice, 50 Harrow View,
Harrow.

MATHESON – William Allan Cunningham CB, CMG, MBE, aged 82, suddenly at home on 12th February. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and most dear father of Alexander and Rhoderlok. Service at Mortiaire Crumatorium at 11 am Friday 19th February to which all his friends are most velcome. All flowers to Fredk. W. Paine tal. (1181) 994-0056.

peacefully in London, Mariana, aged 84. Much loved mother and gramy. Funeral Service at Swiss Church, London on 22nd February at 11.00m. February at 1 1.00am February at 1 1.00am Family flowers only but donations if wished to Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, London WC2.

MORLEY - Cacil Denis C.R.E. on 14th February 1999 aged 37, peacafully after a short illness. Beloved instead of the late Ninki, father of David and grandfather of Charlotte and Nicholss. Cremation at Chichester
Crematorium or Crematorium on Wednesday 24th February

PLAYER - It was easily learns on February 10th that Bill Player lost his life in Zimbabwe on January Zimbabwe on January 20th. No letters by

(Oxon). Son of the late Mr and Mrs H D Rees of and Mrs H D Rees of Penarth. Formacty of the Secretary's Office, Bank of England. After a series of health problems, died in his sleep on the morning of Sunday 14th February, at his home in Hampetsed, aged 63. A truly intented and lovable uses adored by all who knew him. For details of his funeral contact John Schoffield on 0171 794 2500. All welcome.

EES - Robert Noel, MA

RUCK - Twonne Marie Rougier, on February 14th widow of the late Ceoff Percy James Rock, C.B.E. Funeral at St. Andrews Church, Limpatield Chart on Wednesday 24th of Valvarez at 2 from on Wednesday 24th of February at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers or Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o S. Smith and Son, 127, Lingfield Road, Edembridge, Kenf. TNS 5DY. 01752 862117.

WALSHE - Peter Francis, very suddenly on February 13th 1999 at home in Wischester, aged 50. Husband of Mary, loving father and erandisther. father and grandfather, greatly missed. Funeral Wednesday, 24th Wednesday, 24th
February, 12.15pm at St
Peter's Winchester,
Donations, if desired, to St

WATTS - Margaret passed away pessesfully on 13th February 1999, at Greengates Nursing Home, Oxford, aged 30 years, formerly a mosts teacher at Haberdashers - Aske's Edward Financial service at at Haberdashers - Asics's School. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, on Mondey 22nd February, at 2.15pm. Flowers and enquiries to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, tel 01865 242529. WEALE-On February 11th
1999, peacefully in
hospital, aged 66 years.
The Reverend Canon Dr
Gerald ("Gerry") Wheals.
The dearly loved husband
of Jean, and much loved
father of Simon, Sarah and
Jonathan and grandfather
of Joseph. The service will
be held at St James't
Church, Moss Side,
Manchester on Monday
22nd February at 1.30pm,
followed by interment at
Southern Cemsery.
Flowers or, if desired,
donations to The Stroke
Association, c/o The
Funeral Directors: R
Pepperdino & Sons Ltd,
Alexandra House,
Manchester Road,
Chariton-cum-Hardy,
Manchester M21 9JG. Tel
0161 581 5363.

MEALE - On February 11th

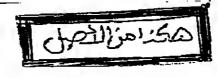
WRIGHT - Margaret on 14th February 1959 died pescafully aged 88 years. Much loved wife of the lete Maytin. Mother of Jeunifer, Jane and Richard. Service at All Saints Church, Lund on Saturday 20th February at 2 um.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COMMEU. - A Memorial
Service to celebrate the
life of Dr. Philip Conneil
CBE will be beld at 1200
noon on Wednesday 3rd
March 1999 in the Chapel
of the Bethlem Royal
Hospital, Monk's Orchard
Road, Beckenham, Kent.
All friends ere welcome.

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ASH - A Service of Memorial and
Thankagiving for the life
of Josedyna Marion Nash
will be beid at Turvey
Parish Church,
Bedfordshire on Seturday
17th April at 2.00pm.



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Ehrlichman testifying to the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973

third-rate burglary by Nix-on's press spokesman. But the scandal soon raced out of hand when Nixon desperately began a cover-up to save the necks of his "President's men".

His efforts began to collapse when the baby-faced John Dean, the White House counsel, began to suspect that Ebrlichman and Haldeman were setting him up as the fall guy to take the blame for the cover-up. When it was learnt that Dean was secretly pleabargaining with investigators for a reduced prison sentence, Ehrlichman became the overseer of the cover-up, notoriously advising Nixon to allow the acting director of the FBI to

take the blame - and to leave him "twisting slowly, slowly in the wind".

But Dean's testimony blew the scandal wide open, and Nixon realised that he would have to sacrifice his aides if he was to survive. In late April 1973 he called Ehrlichman and Haldeman to his mountain retreat at Camp David to ask for their resignations, knowing that they would be convicted for Watergate crimes.

In Ehrlichman's account of his meeting with the Presi-dent. Nixon sobbed uncontrollably and said his dismissals of the pair was "like cutting off my arms". Nixon said that the night before he "almost

prayed he would not wake up". Ehrlichman said he put his arms around the President and said: "Don't think that way." Nevertheless, he said he told Nixon that he regretted the President's decision, adding: "I still feel I have done nothing without your implied or direct approval." He added that he asked only that Nixon would "explain all this to my

In July 1974 Ehrlichman was convicted on charges of obstructing justice, conspirary and perjury. He served 18 months in prison before being released on parole. Nixon had once promised Ehrlichman and Haldeman that they

would never go to jail. But on the eve of his resignation in August 1974 they appealed to the President to grant them a pardon before he resigned. Nixon rejected that plea.

John Daniel Ehrlichman

was born in Tacoma. Washington. He graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1948, after wartime service as a navigator in the 8th Air Force. In 1951 he took a law degree at Stanford. He then embarked on his career with a Seattle law firm.

At 43 he thought he was living the American dream when he became the top presidential adviser at Nixon's personal invitation. But after his trial he was to say: "I felt that every bit of pride, integrity, the winning I had strived for all my professional life had been stripped from me."
In an interview some years

after his release he acknowledged that he had been "proud and vain", but said that he had come out of the ordeal with "a curious sense of freedom".

in later years he acknowleged his guilt but wanted the chapter closed. After his release he moved first to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and then to Atlanta. He became a radio commentator, and drew on his inside knowledge of politics in a number of novels. He also wrote a memoir. Witness to Power: The Nixon Years (1983).

Having been a 6ft 3in, 15stone figure of fear in the White House - referred to by his enemies as Nixon's Nazi guard - Ehrlichman transformed himself after his release from prison into a relaxed, easygoing and friendly man with a fatherly beard.

His first and second marriages ended in divorce. He is survived by his third wife Karen Hilliard, and by four sons and two daughters.

### LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER HORACE TAYLOR

Lieutensut-Commander Horace Taylor, GC. MBE, wartime bomb disposal officer, died on January 17 aged 90. He was born on October 23, 1908.

HORACE TAYLOR had the unusual distinction of being recommended for the George Cross by the Air Ministry although he was serving as a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve at the time. He bad successfully defused a German parachute mine close to RAF Uxbridge in September 1940. It was only his second bomb-disposal job but he extracted the fuses without fuss.

The Luftwaffe late-summer daylight bombing offensive against London had failed, with severe losses of aircraft. Bin from September 9 the bombers of Luftflotte 3, based in northern France, attacked London for 57 nights without pause. More than 90 per cent of the bombs exploded on impact, bringing death and destruction, especially to the dense housing areas of the East End. The remainder did not explode and this residual sinister threat led to the demand for skilled bomb-dis-

posal squads with steady

nerves and hands.

Horace Taylor came to this exacting work from an unlikely background, yet he was both intellectually and temperamentally well-suited to it. Turned down for seagoing operations when he volunteered for the Royal Navy because of his eyesight, he wrote to the Admiralty and explained the expertise he could bring to bear. This eventually led to a course in mine clearance at the Navy's torpedo school, HMS Vernon at Portsmouth. The interviewing officer doubtless assessed Taylor's aptitude for meticulous analysis under pressure but must also have perceived. by the twinkle in his eye, that here was a man with a quite exceptional sense of humour.

Although defusing the bomb at Uxbridge was cited for his award of the George Cross, his first job had been infinitely more dramatic. A parachute-delivered land-mine had landed across the gateway of a North London

hospital holding 2,000 casualties, many of whom had been evacuated with the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk Taylor identified the mine and knew that it had a fuse that would detonate 17 seconds after being triggered. His team dug a small "funk hole" in the ground at just the



Taylor reckoned he could reach in emergency.

Booby-traps were a standard hazard so, having located the fuse, he held it in position with a stick to which was attached a length of string. While he walked to the funk hole, from where he intended to pull the string and free the fuse, there was a loud explosion. Luckily it was only the fuse detonating — the main charge was left intact. In his relief Taylor blew his whistle indicating "all safe" somewhat prematurely. This brought a flock of hospital nurses and onlookers around him to congratulate him and collect bits of the mine and parachute as souvenirs.

He kept no personal record of how many bombs and mines he and his small support team disarmed in and around London in late 1940. The citation for his George Cross covered the period from September 26 to October 17 and he would have comple several bomb disposals each

As the Blitz continued Taylor and his small team were deployed to the south coast ports, which the Luftwaffe found easier targets than London and inland cities.

Once, while working on a landmine in the attic of a tenement block, he suddenly realised that the defusing procedure had gone wrong. He had just time to leave the attic when the bomb exploded. It blew him clean out of the house and across into the next street, minus all his clothes and blinded by dust. His fascination with analysis remained paramount, however. He insisted on telephoning his supervising officer to explain what had gone wrong - for the safety of his and other bomb disposal teams - before he would accept a lift to

When the Blitz ended, thanks to the Luftwaffe being concentrated against Russia. Taylor turned to the mineclearing duty for which he had been trained. Subsequently he became one of the founder members of the Royal Naval

Clearance Divers. William Horace Taylor was educated at Manchester Grammar School and at one period worked on the administrative staff of Manchester Central Docks, After the war he became a travelling commissioner for the Sea Scouts and later, from 1952 to 1974, he was a Field Commissioner for the South West of England Scout Association.

He was appointed MBE for services to the Scout movement in 1973.

He married, in 1946, Joan Isabel Skaife d'Ingerthorpe. She predeceased him. He is survived by their son and three daughters.

### SIR JAMES HILL

fir James Hill former Conservative MP for enthampton Test, died serday aged 72. He was han on December 21, 1926.

ADBUST backbench constitar worked in and was throughly identified with, the ata he represented in Parliaant. Though he never held evernment office or wielded particular influence, he ade sure both in the House and in the letters columns of ewspapers that the affairs of louthampton always seemed b be part of the political and ocial agenda.

He was lucky in that the city's woes often appeared to be a paradigm of the problems of urban southern England. His campaigns against drunkenness in pubs, vandalism, prostitution and the iniquities of the Dock Labour Scheme found an echo in many a middle-class bosom in places

far from the port town. But although he was rightwing, Hill's conservatism was of a commonsense rather than doctrinal sort, and he was no

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little Englander, A prosperous. pig-breeder, in his carlier days he had nevertheless been a cautious Europhile, hoping to wield some influence as the first British chairman of a major EEC committee. He was a strong supporter of the Channel Tunnel, at one time targing the use of European Bank funds to expedite its construction. And he consistently opposed the privatisation of the Ordnance Survey. His first tenure of the Southampton Test seat lasted

little longer than the life of the Edward Heath administration of 1970-74. He was defeated at the October 1974 election, at which Harold Wilson sought to improve on the parliamentary advantage he had achieved over Heath in February that year. He came back to Parliament with Margaret Thatcher's defeat of Labour in 1979 and held the Test seat until the Labour landslide of 1997 which swept him, too, from Parliament.

Stanley James Allen Hill was educated at Regent's Park School. Southampton, and the North Wales Naval Training

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College, serving the latter part of the war as a signals officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. After the war he studied electronics at Southampton University and joined BOAC, training as a pilot and pavigator. His BOAC career took him all over the world and at one stage he was seconded to the United Nations flying staff

After leaving BOAC, in the 1960s he became a director in a Southampton firm of estate agents and property develop-

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èrs. He also became a partner of Gunsfield Herd Pedigree Piggeries. From 1966 he served on Southampton City Council and in 1968 was adopted as prospective candi-. date for the Southampton Test parliamentary seat. In the election of 1970, which saw the defeat of Harold Wilson's Government by Edward Heath, he took the seat from the Labour MP. Robert Mitchell, by 1.802 votes. In Parliament he was soon

airing local issues such as uthampton's blight and the abuse of improvement grants by property developers, and was secretary the Conservative backbench committee on housing and construction, 1971-73. He also spoke on European air transport and after being ap-pointed a delegate to the European Parliament in 1973 he was given the chairmanship of its Regional Policy and Transport Committee. But he was out of the Commons by October 1974, narrowly beaten by Bryan Gould, having survived the Labour challenge of February that year.

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He had to content himself with the arena of local politics for the next five years until the return to government of the Conservatives under Margaret Thatcher made this seat, always an indicator of overall electoral fortunes, a Tory prize once again. .

For the next 18 years he was one of those hardworking backbenchers who serve on select committees, in his case European Legislation (1979-84), Transport (1993-97) and Procedure (1993-97). Although his role as a backbencher was largely to vent opinion, his one notable parliamentary success was to steer through a private Bill which gave pub landlords the power to ban violent thugs from pubs for periods of up to two years. It became law in 1980.

By now he had become thoroughly disillusioned with the European Community, castigating its Parliament and the Common Agricultural Policy. But he continued to take an interest in the Council of Europe, sitting on its Political and Legal Affairs Committee for separate periods in the 1980s and 1990s, and serving as a government whip from 1980 to 1989.

Hill had held his seat with comfortable margins of several thousands in the general elections of 1983 and 1987, but In 1992 the writing was on the wall with the stock of the Conservative Government falling rapidly. He held the seat that year but with his majority down to a perilous few hundred votes. In the general election of 1997 he was swept out of Parliament by a massive 13,684 votes. He had been

knighted the previous year. Thereafter he devoted all his time to his property interests and to breeding pedigree Large White pigs. Hill was a genial convivial man who liked good company, dining and gardening. He is survived by his wife

Ruby, and by two sons and three daughters.

**JOYCE COOMBS** Joyce Coombs, Anglican author and broadcaster, and former London Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union, died on January 17 aged 93. She was born on

March 9, 1905. JOYCE COOMBS was a devout Anglican in the High Church tradition. She made her name In the London diocese as a champion of the parochial system and of the city's Anglo-Catholic churches. In a wider sphere, she was an author who celebrated Anglo-Catholic church life in broadcasts, journalism and a number of highly readable books. She also had a distinguished career in voluntary

social welfare work and as a pillar of the Mothers' Union. She was the London Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union from 1946 to 1955 and for a short period was Central President. She served on Church Assembly and the General Synod from 1945 to 1985. In 1954, she was a London diocesan lay delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly at Evanston in the United States,

about which she voiced her criticisms on her return, much to the annoyance of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher. Joyce Coombs was educated Wolverhampton High School and Westfield College,

London, where she read classics. Her family was poor, and illness and lack of money forced her to leave college at the end of her second year. For the year before her marriage in 1926 she worked at the Dockland Mayllower settlement, where the hopeless poverty prevailing in the East End horrified her. Later she became vice-chairman of



Finchley and Friern Barnet Council of Social Service and a member of the British Committee of the International Union of Family Organisations, of the Central Council for Wornen's Church Work, and of the Church of England Moral Welfare Council.

Her task as President of the London Diocese Mothers' Union was to revive its postwar life. Under her presidency, the membership rose from 10,000 to 15,000. The most remarkable feature of her presidency was her tremendous energy: she often spoke at four or five meetings a week, her inspiring speeches earning her a reputation as a fearless and outstand-

ing speaker. Her long and happy marriage to Eric Coombs provided the quiet centre of her life. Their open house at Finchley was a kind of Charing Cross of the Anglican Communion. It was no surprise to be greeted at breakfast by an overseas bishop, an American nun or a former member of the Foreign Legion down on his luck, while Joyce Coombs merrily dispensed porridge and rapid

repartee relevant to everyone's concerns.

In the early 1960s Coombs was invited to write a biography of the founder of the Mothers' Union. This appeared in 1965 as George and Mary Sumner, Their Life and Times. Encouraged by the response, she wrote other books, notably Judgment on Harcham, which concerns the troubled incumbency of Father Tooth during the 1880s. and a biography of George Anthony Denison. She gathered her primary sources with great care, and all of her books share the same vivid observation of the period, a sharp wit and a sustained vitality. They give a view of Victorian Anglo-Catholicism which is fair to all parties and explains the strong passions which it evoked

Her husband died in 1977. Then, early in the 1980s, her sight began to fail. For one of her last speeches to the London Diocesan Synod - on parish life and the work of the clergy - she had to be led to the microphone. She then spoke in support of the work of the parishes, where she be lieved the real work of the Church was carried out.

A move to Bournenouth in 1987 enabled her to be near two of her sons and their families. She bore her increasing blindness with great fortitude.

In her last years, she wrote movingly for Thought for the Day about the effects of her blindness and about facing death. Her faith in God and her belief in the Catholicity of the Church of England never wavered. Her second son, Michael, died in June 1998 but she is survived by her other two sons. Roy and Martin, who is a priest.

### TRESPASS IN **ANTARCTIC**

WESTMINSTER, Monday IN consequence of the challenge of Argentina and Chile in the Falkland Islands, steps are being taken by the Government to support the Governor of the Dependencies, Mr. McNeil, Minister of State, announced in the House of Commons today. He was replying to a question by Mr. Sharp (Spen Valley, Lab.), who asked whether the Argentine Government had ceased or had promised to cease their acts of trespass

Mr. McNeil said: No. sir, Argentine and Chilean naval forces are at present operating in British waters in the Falkland Island Dependencies, with the declared object of enforcing claims to sovereignty in this area. They have also landed parties and purport to have set up military commands in British

erritory.

His Majesty's Government consider the
British title to the Falkland Islands Dependenries to be well founded, and have been willing that it should stand the test of internat arbitration, in the protests which we made to the Argentine and Chilean Governments in December last we made it plain that we would accept the decision of the International Court

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The dispute over Britain's sovereignty over the Falkland Islands is a recurring one.

This offer has been rejected by both

Governments, and we can only regard this as evidence that they have no confidence in their The Argentine Government have suggested instead that there should be some form of international conference. We are considering this proposal. His Majesty's Government are always ready to seek means of conference. always ready to seek means of semiement by discussion in disputes which arise with friendly Governments, and have never closed the door to discussion of the Antarctic question with the interested parties.

That is one thing, but it is quite another when, in spite of our declared willingness to

see this question settled legally, ostentatious naval and other demonstrations are made in the areas which we administer and which everybody knows we consider to be British territory. It should not be supposed that we shall overlook the challenge to our authority. Steps are being taken to ensure that the Governor of the Falkland islands receives the support he needs. (Renewed cheers.)
Rival claims in the Antarctic have long

existed, but it has never been thought necessary by any of the Governments to create international ill-feeling or to arouse public opinion on the subject. Mr. Bevin hopes that the Argentine and Chilean Governments will share his desire to avoid provocation in this

CHILEAN STATEMENT SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Feb. 16 - An official Statement issued tonight by the Chilean Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Senor Manuel Trucco, said: "Chile wishes m continue to seek a friendly settlement of the Antarctic dispute with Britain.—Reuser.

BRITISH CRUISER LEAVES FOR ANTARCTIC

It was stated in London last night that H.M. cruiser Nigeria had sailed from Simonstown for Antarctic waters.

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### NEWS

### Girl sets fire to herself

22 A 15-year-old schoolgirl set herself alight as hundreds of Kurdish protesters took to the streets in support of a group of compairiots who were occupying the Greek embassy in London. As Negla Kanteper was lifted into an ambulance she gave a victory sign and chanted "long live Kurdistan." Her life was saved by another demonstrator and police officers who chased her down the road and used their tunics to smother flames which were shooting from her clothes.....

### Sainsbury backs out of food meetings

☑ Lord Sainsbury, the Science Minister, was accused of being a "lame duck" after announcing that he would leave government meetings whenever genetically modified food policy was raised. Conservatives claimed it was "ridiculous" that he had to 

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The health scare over the Pill is

causing a crisis of confidence among women, with the number

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Josef Mengele, the war criminal

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KKK emblem at the scene of the

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### Yacht rescue

The French solo yachtswoman 1sabelle Autissier was rescued by a fellow competitor in the singlehanded round-the-world race, after her bout capsized in the Southern Ocean...

### Three racehorses were killed at

Sedgefield after they collided with lunse horses running in the opposite direction.

Racehorses killed

### **Brit awards**

Rohbie Williams emerged as a symbol of triumph over adversity last night after overcoming drink and drug addiction to win three coveted Brit awards......Page 1

### **Executive approved**

The Northern Ireland assembly set the scene for a showdown between Unionism and republicanism by approving the structure of the new executive.....

### War crimes trial

The judge, counsel and jury of Britain's Central Criminal Court were led to a site in the middle of a Belarus wood where 3,000 Jews were stripped naked and machine-gunned.

### Killer son

The son of a former Tory mayor was convicted of murdering his mother in an "explusion of emotional violence" that was likened to a Greek tragedy ...... Page 5

### murder of a black man... Page 14 Winter beats the beaches

■ Given the choice between the palm-fringed beaches of the Bahamas and a wet winter in the West Country, most people would not think twice. But 19 technicians with Westland helicopters have turned down the chance to exchange the grey skies of Yeovil in Somerset for three months on an island described as a tropical paradise...

The rebuilt balconies of the Royal Opera House after the Culture Secretary Chris Smith bad laid the last brick of the building's new shell

### BUSINESS

Approach rejected: Barclays has rejected an approach from Royal Bank of Scotland, made in the last few weeks, which would have led to a £35 billion merger .........Page 23 Budget surptus: Britain racked up a record surplus on the public finances in January, confirming that the Treasury is heading for a large budget surplus this year .... Page 23 Banks raided: Eight banks in France, Germany, Italy and Spain were raided by European Commis-

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Thumbs down: Welsh National Opera's new production of Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes, staged by the German director Peter Stein. misses the target, says Rodney Loud and clear: Purists may cry "foul", but like it or not Tosca is going electric when microphones and loudspeakers arrive at the Albert Hall this week... ..Page 35 Happy snapper: The Barbican Art

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how the unsinkable Noah's Ark story continues to inspire scientific ex-Just say no: Introducing a new series, Asha Phillips, a child psychotherapisi trained at the Tavistock Clinic, explains how to say no to your child - whether a baby, a toddler, a primary school pupil or a

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THE PAPERS James Coburn, left, Sissy The US Postal Service took the cigarette out of Jackson Pollock's mouth star in Affliction, a family for his portrait of a new 33 cent stamp. While a spokesman insists this was a "design decision" that had nothing to do with the Government's anti-smoking campaign, the change is unsettling because it tells credibility by questioning a lie, albeit a small one, about this master of abstract expressionism

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### MICHAEL GOVE

Mr Hague is a skilled Comn performer but his style is Classia Not Romantic.

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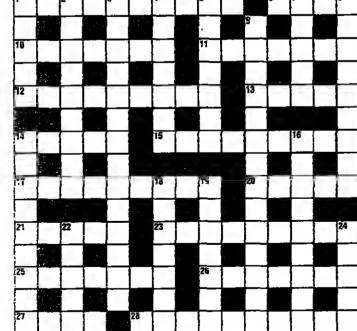
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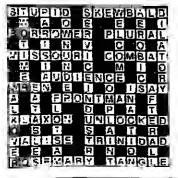
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U SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central High-lands, Argyll, NW Scotland: starting dry but cold with cloud increasing, bringing steet and snow from the west, turning to rain later. Light and variable wind. Max 5C

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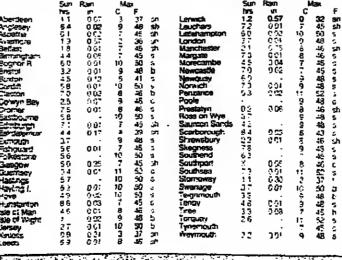
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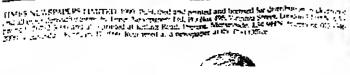
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17 1999

# Treasury on target for record budget surplus

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN racked up a record sur-plus on the public finances in January, confirming that the Treasury is heading for a large budget surplus

Treasury officials were at pains to play down the figures, clearly hoping to dampen down hopes of a Budget bonanza next month. However, City economists yesterday pre-

achieve a budget surplus for the tax year to the end of March of as much as £10 billion compared with the Treasury's pre-Budget report projec-

tion of £4.3 billion. The Office for National Statistics reported yesterday that Britain recorded a public sector net cash surplus of E12.4 billion in January.
With only two months of the tax
year to go, the Treasury has built up
a surplus of E13.7 billion, an improvement of £10 billion compared

with the same stage last year.

The strength of January's public finance performance was partly a re-sult of surging income tax receipts because of self-assessment but more to do with very low growth in public spending. Cumulative departmental spending so far this year is only 21 per cent higher than last year against a Treasury forecast of growth of nearly 5 per cent.

HSBC, said: "Such a favourable starting position means that the Chancellor could conceivably spend several billion pounds in the March Budget and yet still forecast that he will meet his fiscal rules with plenty

of room to spare." The City speculated that, despite the economic slowdown, which will inevitably mean that the public finances deteriorate from their healthy position, the Chancellor has enough money to deliver his

promise of a 10p starting rate of in-

come tax.
The ONS also published inflation figures for January that showed un-derlying inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, had renained at 26 per cent, just above the

Government's target of 2.5 per cent. Headline inflation fell to 2.4 per cent in January from 2.8 per cent in December, reflecting cuts in morrgage rates. Consumer prices, using the standard European measure. nudged up to 1.6 per cent from 1.5

The City had expected underlying inflation to fall back to target in January given evidence of aggressive discounting in the new year sales. Treasury officials noted that the data had been collected a week later than last year, by which time many sales had already finished. Another reason keeping the index up was a rise in the price of polatoes which had sent up frozen chip prices.

scheme

By Sarah Cunningham and Graham Searjeant

David Thompson, finance di-

rector, said "We should not be

deterred by the accounting

treatment from doing what is

Efforts to make accounting

rules on executive options reflect

the true cost to shareholders

have so far come to little either

in the UK or in America, where

authorities tried to cost all op-

DTI seeks evidence

of pay moderation

THE DEPARTMENT of

Trade and Industry is to scruti-

nise the next round of compa-

ny annual meetings for evi-

dence that directors are start-

ing to moderate pay awards.
It will be looking for tougher

performance targets as it pre-

pares action against board-

Trade and Industry Secretary,

is preparing to make il easier

for shareholders to vote on re-

muneration packages. The

move follows a series of high-

profile pay awards such as the

£7 million package to the new

chief executive of Bardays.

s. Stephen Byers

tions for accounting purposes

right for shareholders."

COMPANIES will face in-

creasing pressure from share-

holders to come clean about

the cost of financing their op-

tions schemes following a deci-sion by Boots, the high street

pharmacist, to take a charge of

Boots is setting up a qualify-

ing employee share ownership

trust (QUEST) which will hold

and distribute shares connect-

ed to its save-as-you-earn (SAYE) scheme. The £63 mil-

lion charge this year - likely to be an annual £20 million in

future years - will be for the

purchase in the market of

enough shares, at 900p per

share, to satisfy all existing

Boots said it had decided

that buying shares, rather

than issuing new ones, is pref-

erable as it avoids diluting

Richard Regan, head of in-

Simenis ai inc Association o

British Insurers, applauded

move which sees companies

recognising the cost of op-

tions," he said. An institution-

al shareholder said that he

would be raising the issue

with other companies follow-

that the approach taken by

Boots is suited to a company with a large amount of cash at

its disposal and modest expan-

sion plans. Many other compa-

nies want to invest whatever

cash they have in acquisitions

or organic growth. The disad-

vantage to a company of ac-

quiring the shares is that it

hits the bottom line. If new

shares are issued, the costs are

passed straight to reserves.

Accountants pointed out

ing the Boots move.

existing shareholdings.

SAYE options.

£63 million this year.

### **Business** Today

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### **Janet Bush** spells out her fears on the euro before

joining the fight

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The Accounting Standards Board is starting a study to examine treatment of share options in the same context as rights issues, share buyback and other changes in share capital. Shares in Boots rose 3211p to 9261:p as it purchased shares

a reaction to the new policy. Commentary, page 25

# **Boots foots** £63m bill for share

in the market. Analysts said the rise was technical, rather than

### RBS merger plan rejected by Barclays By Caroline Merrell and Jason Nissé BARCLAYS has rejected an slightly from £1.7 billion to approach from Royal Bank Sir Peter said that full details of the cost reduction would be revealed in six

of Scotland which would have led to a £35 billion merger between the two banks.

A meeting to discuss the merger was scheduled for last week but was called off at the last moment ahead of the announcement that Barclays had secured Bank of America's Mike O'Neill as its new chief

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The approach to Bardays was made both by phone call and letter from Sir George Mathewson, Royal Bank's chief executive, after the resig-nation of Martin Taylor, in the merger, the proposed board structure would have had Sir George as chief executive of the merged bank with Sir Peter Middleton, Barclays' deputy chairman, as chairman. Fred Goodwin, from Royal Bank, would have been finance director, lain Robert son of Royal Bank in charge of retail operations and Chris Lendrum of Barclays in

charge of the corporate side.

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ment yesterday. Sir Peter, however, said: "We have nothing on the stocks at the moment but obviously if something came up that was consistent with our strategy we would have to look at it. We are not

letting it mesmerise us."
Sir Peter was speaking as
Bardays announced a fall in
profits last year and plans to
embark on an extensive cost-
cutting programme over the
next three years. He refused to
be drawn on the savings the
bank was hoping to achieve
though analysts said that cuts
would be sure to include job
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cent dented by huge losses in Russia, and year 2000 costs Overall costs rose by 5 per cent last year. Operating profits were £1.99 billion compared with £2.48 billion in 1997, while pre-tax profit rose	

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n	Profits at the corporate bank-
æ	ing division also rose by 6 per
	cent to £972 million from £921
•	million.
	Analysts yesterday said Bar-
	clays results were poor when
	compared, for example, with
	the results for Lloyds TSB,
	where profits had risen by 10
	per cent. John Aitken, an ana-
	lyst with Rabobank, said: "We
	are disappointed that Bardays
	were not more specific on cost
	cutting." He pointed out that
	the cost income ratio of many
•	of the high street banks was
	of the high street banks was
	some 20 per cent lower than
	Barclays.
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the previous year.

months. He claimed that the

bank had been successful in re-

ducing costs at Barclaycard by

Barclays Capital, the bank's

investment arm, sustained the

brunt of the losses in Russia

showing an operating loss of £265 million last year (£252

On the stock market Bar-

clays shares rose more than 6

per cent to £16.42. Analysts

said the reaction probably re-

flected relief that no new bad

news had emerged. Shares at

Barclays have now risen 25

per cent since the appointment

of Mr O'Neill was announced.

profits statement was its retail

banking division which

erating profits of 18 per cent to

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The highlight of Barclays

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# ScotTelecom chief leaves | EU officials raid banks

By CHRIS AYRES

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THE managing director of Scottish-Telecom yesterday abruptly left the company ahead of its expected £2 billion stock market flotation.

Rod Manhews. 56. is credited with creating ScottishTelecom. a division of ScottishPower, from scratch in 1994. He also played a big part in ScottishTelecom's acquisition last May of Demon internet. Britain's largest Internet service provider, for £66 million.

ScottishPower yesterday gave no reason for the departure of Mr Matthews, who was not a board member, and refused in disclose his compensation package. However, it is expected to be worth several hundred thousand pounds.

One analyst said yesterday: They may have felt that he was the

wrong kind of guy to run a quoted telecoms company. My understand-ing was that he was a good man but that his face just did not fit." Shares in the company yesterday rose 8p to

ScottishPower has appointed Bill Allan. former chief executive of Cable & Wireless's regional businesses, to replace Mr Matthews. Mr Allan, who is 45, was described by one insider yesterday as "much more conventional than Mr Matthews.

Although ScottishPower has so far refused to confirm that it is preparing to float ScottishTelecom, it esterday gave its strongest hint yet that a deal is on the cards.

It said: "Scottish Power has recently appointed Goldman Sachs to explore the options open to optimise value for ScottishPower shareholders from its investment in ScottishTelecom. The review is at a preliminary stage, and an announcement will be made if and when appropriate."

ScottishTelecom could become as valuable as Energis, the telecoms division of the National Grid that was floated 15 months ago. It is now worth £23 billion.

Demand for Internet services from both businesses and consumers has resulted in telecoms companies being given enormous valuations. However, analysts yesterday said that ScottishTelecom's assets were not as attractive as those of Energis or other operators such as COLT Telecom, because they include a mobile phone reselling business.

EIGHT banks in France, Germany,

Italy and Spain were raided by European Commission officials yesterday as part of an investigation into charge-fixing since the launch of the

Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said he had author-ised the raids after complaints that banks were conspiring to fix fees on foreign exchange and international payments amid concerns that con-

sumers are paying excessive charges. Mr Van Miert said: 'There could have been agreements and co-operation between banks which could have gone as far as fixing of charges on change operations and costs on international payments after the introduction of the euro.

"We will see if procedures have

By RICHARD MILES

been engaged in, which violate European competition regulations. It is a very dear warning. Competition must take place."

He named the banks as Deutsche Bank, Dresdner, Credit Agricole, Société Générale, Banca Commerciale Italiana, Cassa di Risparmio delle Province Lombarde, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya and Argentaria, Corp Bancuna de España.

The banks could face fines of up to 10 per cent of their deposit base if officials uncover evidence of a carrel Officials have also raided the European Banking Federation in Brussels in connection with their investi-

News of the raids came at a special parliamentary hearing into al-leged overcharging by banks. Christa Randzio-Plath, chairman of the parliamentary committee, said she had discovered that in Germany differem banks were charging the same fees, and that the same went

Officials are also looking into complaints that some banks are refusing to accept cheques denominated in euros. The Commission will investigate whether there is an understanding or cartel between banks to refuse such cheques

Société Générale last night confirmed it had been raided by two EU officials and a representative of the French Finance Ministry. The bank said it expected the investigation to last 48 hours. Deutsche Bank confirmed it had received a similar deputation, but denied all the charges.

### Exchange rates ...... Page 24 **ONS** jobs threatened by review

By Janet Bush **ECONOMICS EDITOR** 

HUNDREDS of jobs are under threat at the Office for National Statistics after a review published vesterday identified potential savings of £20 million a year, a fifth of the ONS

The review by KPMG, the accountants, commissioned by the Treasury last year, suggested that, as part of a continuing drive for efficiency, 350 jobs at the ONS could be cut with a further 680 transferred to the private sector. However, it stopped short of recommending that data collection should be contracted out to the private sector, as some had expected.

**KPMG** said implementation of the efficiency plan would probably cost 22 million over the next year but would generate savings of almost £t2 mil-lion in 2000-0t, increasing to £20 million a year by 2002-03. Patricia Hewin, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said she would consult unions before reacting to the recommenda-



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## **RJB** talks fail to

Mining's collieries could begin on Monday after talks with one of the main unions yesterday failed to avert a walkout.

ecutive, has three more days to produce a fresh pay offer to stop the action by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers. The union last week voted 56.1 per cent in favour of a strike in protest at an imposed fiveyear pay deal of inflation minus I per cent.

Free Virgin Net Virgin Net, the Internet service provider partly owned by Richard Branson's Virgin Communications and NTL Britain's third-largest cable company, is today expected to launch a free Internet service. The move follows the success of Freeserve, the free Internet service recent-

### Littlewoods

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Belgum Fr	62.13	57,17
Canada 3 ,	2.567	2.379
Cyprus Cyp 5	0.8907	0.8192
Denmark M	11.45	10.56
Eg.pt	5.77	5.16
Finland Misk	9.24	8.49
France Fr	10.05	9.27
Germany Dm	3.020	2,778
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Richard Budge, chief ex-

ly launched by Dixons.

Jim Michie, the former finance director of Littlewoods has not as previously stated, retired from the company. Mr Michie remains on the board as corporate development director in charge of change management in the group. Littlewoods' new finance director is Alan White, for-

pools listed, right. Swimming is an ideal way to start toning up if you

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Hats off: John Morgan, chief executive of Morgan Sindall, the specialist regional construction group, which increased its pre-tax profits 34 per cent to £9.76 million in 1998 on turnover that improved 28 per cent to £425 million. The group's earnings rose 35 per cent to 22.15p a share. The total dividend is lifted to 6.5p a share from 5.25p, with a final 4.45p.

# ECB's refusal to cut rates angers euroland ministers

BY SAEED SHAH

THE European Central Bank has again set itself on a collision course with euroland's leading poliocians by refusing to accept a case for immediate cuts in interest rates. Its monthly bulletin, pub-

lished yesterday, claimed that monetary and financial conditions are favourable for sustained growth of output and employment in the euro area in line with price stability".

This is in sharp contrast to the regular warnings of economic slowdown by the French and German finance ministers. Oskar Lafontaine, the German Finance Minister.

warned the ECB again on Friday that "playing a waiting game is an exceptionally hazardous strategy". He said that both jobs and growth were under threat from deflation.

He also raised the stakes with the ECB by threatening to break the Stability Pact - if tt did not respond with lower rates - by boosting demand through the fiscal route.

The ECB has consistently rate cut "later this year". said that it would need to see Also working against a rate clear signs of deflacion before cut is the euro's weakness cutting its lending rate. Yesteragainst the dollar. Yesterday it day's bulletin, and recent comfell to record lows of \$1.1161, a ments by Wim Duisenberg. decline of more than 6 per cent the ECB's President, sees "the from its launch high of \$1.1906 continuation of favourable prospects for price stability in

on January 4. Robin Aspinall, chief Euro-

the euro area", with healthy

credit growth suggesting a

The clash of views sets the

stage for a tense meeting of the

ECB governing council tomor-

row, the fortnightly forum at

In a Reuters poll of ten econ-

omists, none expected a rate cut from the ECB, although

nine of the ten anticipated a

which rates are decided.

lack of deflationary risks.

pean economist at National Australia Bank, said the ECB would have to cut rates eventually because there was no sign of any inflationary danger. He said that the ECB was re-

sisting a cut because it distrusted the fiscal discipline of Europe's politicians. He said that the ECB deliberately kept its inflation target vague, as simply "below 2 per cent", so that it would not be beholden to the bidding of politicians

The ECB is also known to think that interest rate cuts will not have much effect on unemployment, It favours structural reform of the labour market to reduce unemployment.

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### Japan acts to reduce strength of yen

By Robert Whymant IN TOKYO

JAPAN yesterday acted to rein in galloping long-term interest rates and weaken the yen by announcing plans to resume purchases of government bonds while cutting back new issuance of ten-year bonds.

The announcement, which sent Japan government bonds (JGB) and the yen sliding, and boosted share prices, marked a change of tack by the Minis-try of Finance, which had previously favoured a strong yen.

Kiichi Miyazawa, Finance Minister, said the MoF would reduce its planned March issue of ten-year JGBs by Y400 billion (£2.09 billion) and instead issue a similar amount of two-year and six-year bonds, which would be more easily absorbed by investors. Secondly. Mr Miyazawa said the Ministry's Trust Fund Bureau would resume buying up outstanding government bonds.

Fears of a glut in the govern-ment bond market had sent bond prices reeling. The concerns were triggered by the Government's plan to issue Y30 trillion in fresh debt in the coming fiscal year to fund massive economic stimulus spend-

Bond prices were pushed sharply lower by December's announcement that the Trust Fund Bureau, which manages postal savings and public pen-sion premiums, would no longer play its traditional role of principal JGB buyer.

Mr Miyazawa's announcement yesterday gave an imme-diate lift to JGB prices. The benchmark yield plunged at one point to 1.86 per cent, down more than a quarter of a percentage point, and closed at 1.985 per cent.

# RAC strategy sparks shake-up at AA

THE Automobile Association will have to consult its 4.5 million members if it receives a takeover offer or its executives choose to seek to float Britain's largest motoring organisation. At a meeting of the AA yesterday, a motion was passed ensuring that all matters that a listed company would normally put to their shareholders would have to be voted on, by post, by all AA members. The AA is, like a building society, a mutual organisation owned by its members, although there have been fears that the executive could make fundamental changes to the company simply on a show of hands of mem-

bers attending the annual meeting.

The move comes in the light of the high-profile, on-off strategy for the future of the Royal Automobile Club. After its controversial agreed sale to Cendant was called off because of competition fears the RAC is now aiming for a flotation.

### Firms off shame list

THE remaining 21 top investment companies on the "name and shame" list set up by the Government over the 1980s pension mis-selling scandal were yesterday removed from it. The Personal Investment Authority said they had made enough progress in clearing up priority cases, in which the pension holder has already retired or has died. Of the 41 big groups involved in the scandal, 29 had a New Year's Eve deadline to sort out 90 per cent of priority cases, but only eight met it.

### Gala's bingo success

BINGO, a once moribund sector, is alive and kicking, according to figures from Gala Clubs. Britain's biggest operator.
The independently owned group lifted profits by 22 per cent to £29.1 million last year, with like-for-like admissions up I per cent - the first rise since the launch of the National Lottery and scratchcards. Gala. a £279 million buyout from Bass a year ago, will be further boosted by the acquisition in July of Ritz Bingo for £36 million, taking its clubs to almost 150.

### Cadoro chief goes

EGON VON GREYERZ, the executive chairman of Cadoro, the troubled Capolito Roma retail chain, yesterday left the company as it emerged that Victory Corporation, the Virgin clothing and toiletries wholesaler, had moved to clear its £1.97 million bank debts. He also resigned as a non-executive direc-tor of Victory, of which he has been a director since Virgin took a 10 per cent Cadoro stake last year. Victory is currently conducting due diligence with a view to taking over Cadoro.

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### **Accountants back Bill**

A SPECIMEN Bill to allow limited liability partnerships for accountants and other professionals has won approval from the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee (TISC). Graham Ward, vice-president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, welcomed the TISC report. It argues for looser eli-gibility rules that would allow, for instance, the advice arms of accountancy firms to have limited liability.

### Leeds & Holbeck rise

LEEDS & HOLBECK Building Society reported a 36 per cent rise in mortgage lending to a record £538 million in 1998, almost doubling in two years. Savings balances also rose by a record £278 million to £2.46 billion and total assets increased by 9 per cent to £3.12 billion in the year to December 31. Pretax profits rose 26 per cent to £24.1 million. The building society resisted attempts to convert to a bank in January.

### Brussels fights American law in WTO today's request to establish a panel on BY CARL MORTISHED ca's 1916 Anti-Dumping Act, claiming that it breaches WTO rules because it million of punitive tariffs against Europe in the long-running banana section 301 at the WTO's Dispute Set-INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR dement Body. However, such a move THE European Union will launch Brussels is challenging the legality would merely shift the request to a latanother legal attack in the transatianof section 301 of America's 1974 Trade tic trade war with the US at the World

Trade Organisation. Brussels is requesting an investigation into the

Acr. According to officials in Brussels, it sets the US Administration on a unilateral timetable to trade sanctions

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Brussels appears to be running a campaign against what it regards as illegal domestic US legislation on powerful American legislation that that contravenes World Trade Organi-has enabled the US to threaten £500 sation rules. The US is likely to block launched a challenge against Ameri-

allows US federal courts to impose criminal penalties on importers found guilty of dumping. US steel producers have been using the 1916 Act to file claims against European steel producers for unfair competition.

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Par overnment ministers do not have their pay linked to productivity, despite their enthusiastic adherence to the principle on behalf of the rest of us. But if they were to be rewarded for every time they voiced concern over the level of directors' pay, several members of the Cabinet could be heading towards millionaire status by now. not have their pay linked

wards millionaire status by now. Stephen Byers is the latest to indulge in the "fac cat" clubbing routine. The Trade and Industry Secretary is issuing veiled threats that companies had better start exercising restraint on salaries, or else. Or else what? That is the problem that has left ministers merely mouthing their rhetoric while remuneration consultants leverage up their fees. Mr Byers's brainwave is, ap-

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parently, to try to persuade the Stock Exchange to alter its rules so that sharebolders would have to vote each year on the remuneration of individual directors. Has Mr Byers ever sat through the proceedings at a typical agm? If so, he would not have much ex-pectation of his idea producing radical change. Rarely do the hands not go up on cue, whether to accept the dividend, approve the over-paid auditors or congrat-ulate the chairman. The real shareholder power, of course, is exercised well away from the public meetings when major investors tell companies what they think and expect directors to lis-ten. Failure to do so may be toler-

# Byers goes 'fat cat' clubbing

ated for a time but, eventually, results in the sort of action we have seen recently at Sears and Mirror Group.

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Institutional investors do not share the Government's distaste for hefty pay packets. The multimillion pound deal offered to Mike O'Neill was greeted with an instant upturn in the share price, even though it included, in the first year, that antithesis of performance related may a quarter. performance-related pay, a guar-anteed bonus. Investors have realised that, in the global economy, salaries cannot be restrained to the levels that the TUC would advocate. That might not please Mr Byers but, apart from insisting on the annual vote, what can he do? Legislation restricting the level of pay rises would cripple companies' rights to manage their businesses. Radicals might suggest another remedy to Mr Byers: a higher rate of income

tax to hit the fat cats. All the investors want to see is results: and the assurance that they can rely on the figures they are seeing. To that end Boots is to be congratulated on laying bare the cost of its share option scheme. It has already abandoned the executive version but a quarter of its staff benefit from



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the SAYE version. Now the full cost of the obligations this confers on the company will be plain to see. Investors will be keen to see other companies follow, not least because of the buy-back it in-volves, but could be disappoint-ed. Pressure should be put upon them. Opoons are effectively deferred remuneration costs. That they can be hidden at the moment can store up nasty surprises for the future.

Barclays' royal prerogative

hen Barclays had no chief executive, no fi-nance director and was calling a one-time spin doctor out of retirement to be caretaker chairman, it suddenly looked an alluring partner in the great bank merger stakes for any rival with a decent settled management. There would be no problem deciding who should fill the top jobs in the merged entity. As Glaxo can confirm, this is the key issue in mergers, whatever the fi-

nancial or industrial logic.

Royal Bank of Scotland may not have been the only suitor. It is certainly not the first you would think of. Even in dog days on Lombard Street, Royal has less than half the market value of its temporarily rudderless rival. More to the point, it is Scottish.

Had it not been of that ilk, Royal would not exist. it would have merged with Standard & Char-tered back in 1980, or have been taken over against its wishes by HSBC, depending on how Nero-like the old Governor of the Bank of England was feeling towards his upstart colonial charges.

In the event, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ve-toed both deals on the ground that Scotland needed its own banks if it was to prosper as more than a branch-factory economy. That argument divided both Scots and others at the time.

There is nothing the Scottish fi-nancial establishment likes better than selling its granny for a groat. The arguments have scarcely changed since.

If anyone bridges the national and financial divide, it is Sir George Mathewson, boss of Royal Bank and icon of Scottish development. Sir George felt that he could avoid being asked to drink tartan hemlock by taking the initiative and, in effect, making a reverse takeover of Barclays, perhaps with a little help from his Spanish allies at Banco Santander, tempo-rarily distracted with their own do-

mesoc mega-merger. Regional banks such as rival Bank of Scotland still have a role. For bigger fry such as Barclays, however, the drive for consolidation is compelling. As Barclays had abandoned any grand ambi-tions under Martin Taylor, the choice was to become the UK end of someone else's global bank or a bigger part of an essentially Anglo-Saxon financial group. Royal

Bank, with its Big English, North American and insurance interests, is somewhere in berween. It deserved to be taken se-

riously, not be put down. Sir Peter Middleton, the masterful new chairman of Barclays, has some spinning to do to his own shareholders.

### Gordon's readies reckoner

he Chancellor has been carefully husbanding our resources. His tax collectors have been taking more of our money from us and he has been frugal in what he has doled out to other ministers to give back to us. The result is yesterday's whack-ing surplus in the PSBR. The markets were surprised by the figures. After all, Mr Brown

has done significantly better than his own forecasts, con-tained in the pre-Budget report made only last November. Perhaps the Treasury model needs retuning if, by the end of January, the picture can look so different to the one on which Mr Brown had been working.

But the result is that he will be able to step up to the despatch

box next month with some readies to hand out to voters. The 10p starting rate for income tax would now be within his budget. He could even do it without abol-ishing the married couples allowance or mortgage interest relief. Far better, however, to throw a few scare stories into the market place first so that, on the day, middle Britain can breathe a sigh of relief. It has already allowed Mr Brown to snaffle billions from its back pocket virtual-

ly without protest.
The ACT trick, however, is one that cannot be repeated. It was a nifty way of swelling the Govern-ment coffers but balancing the books will prove harder in the future, as corporate profits plunge and the one-off benefits of the move to self assessment fade. He cannot be too generous.

### Number crunch

PETER Ellwood, of Lloyds TSB, who knows about purging counting houses, and KPMG, which likes outsourcing information technology to firms like itself, have advised what you might expect for the Office for National Statistics. The carrot is that ONS would keep the £20 million a year projected savings to sharpen its services. If they believe that, they'd believe Gordon Brown, ONS had better make sure it has enough statisticians left to count out 1,030 staff no

# Sema eases City misgivings with on-target results

Corners bak o SEMA, the London-listed información technology group headed by the enigmatic Frenchman Pierre Bonelli, yesterday reported upbeat fullyear financial results, but said it had still not made a move into the American market.

The company said last year that it was prepared to spend up to \$1 billion (£600 million) on a US acquisition as it sought to narrow the gap with big competitors such as EDS, Andersen Consulting and IBM.
Although Sema pleased the

City with on-target results yesterday, it came under fire from some analysts over its increased emphasis on producing software products. The company's main activi-

ties are outsourcing and systems integration, and it has recently won big contracts with Societé Générale and the are mainly telecoms companies and financial institutions, with the company recently scaling down its interests in the defence markets.

Sema has enjoyed some success with its products - which include pre-pay billing systems for mobile phone companies - but the division has not yet made a profit. The company yesterday vowed that the division would be profitable by next year, and would help the company win new, long-term systems integration contracts.

However, George O'Conner. an IT analyst at Granville, the broker, said yesterday: "This could be seen as a change of personality in Sema. Most people invest in the company because of its systems integration and outsourcing services. There is a premium on IT services, not IT products. With more emphasis on products, Sema becomes a riskier propo-

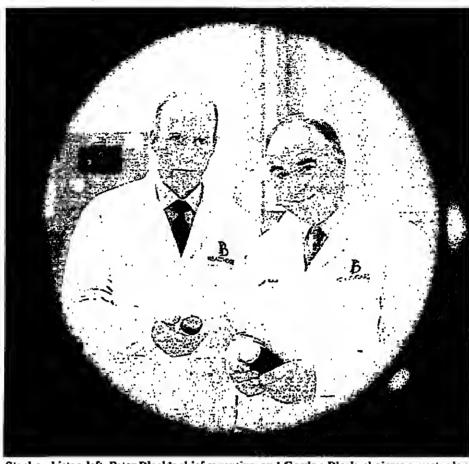


sition, and vulnerable to sudden shifts in technology."

Sema - whose main shareholders include France Télécom and the French bank Paribas -- reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits on continuing activities for the year ended December 31 from £57 million to £75 million, on sales of £1.2 billion, up 19 per cent from £990 million, Earnings

per share rose 30 per cent from 9.4p to 12.2p,
M Bonelli yesterday described 1998 as "an Intense and pivotal year". He said:
"Sema, while delivering very strong performances, has strong performances, has reshaped itself to concentrate on its chosen high-growth markets and to continue to exploit its unique positioning as a provider of a complete

range of services."
He added that Sema's faster its strong order book and strong cash position, were "indicators of future growth". Sema will pay a final dividend of 1.46p on July 1, up from 1.12p, bringing the lotal payment for the year to 2.3p, up



Stephen Lister, left, Peter Black's chief executive, and Gordon Black, chairman, yesterday

## Black beats M&S blues

toiletries. cosmetics shoes, yesterday showed itself

to be one of the more resilient suppliers to Marks & Spencer (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The company unveiled interim pre-tax profits of £12.7 million, up from £11.3 million, on turnover of £107 million (£95.5 million). Gordon Black.

made progress with Marks & Spencer and welcome everything they are now doing, particularly the increased emphasis on marketing."

A number of clothing suppliers to M&S, which gave a profits warning after a disastrous autumn, have ana maker of herbal remedies. which it acquired in late 1997. It had sales of £9 million. Dn fully-diluted earnings per share of 13.64p (12.66p).

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# Watchdogs failing over 2000 bug

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE National Audit Office has warned Britain's unlity regulators that more work is urgently needed to protect the public from potential lifethreatening disasters caused by Year 2000 computer failures in the water, gas, electricity and telecoms industries.

Offer, the electricity regulator, is singled out as being well behind its peers in not discussing contingency plans with electricity companies.

The NAO also criticised the regulators for relying too much on assurances from the companies that Year 2000 preparadons are underway.

In a report published today the NAO, the government watchdog, describes how computer failures caused by an inability to recognise dates at the turn of the year could jeopardise essential services and cause serious economic damage if electricity, gas or water supplies were disrupted. "Such failures could threat-

en loss of life, for example, if people could not call an ambulance because their telephone did not work, if they could not heat their home, or if contaminated water entered the public

supply," the report said. The report concludes that regulaiors have madequate knowledge of what companies are do-

ing to address the problem. It gave warning that some companies would not be Y2k-compliant until well imo the second half of the year and that certain regulators were relying on assurances rather than seeking independent assessment of the preparedness of the companies.

According to the NAO, all the key utility companies have drawn up inventories of systems that could face potential problems. Twenty-five companies told their regulators that they expected to be millenni-um-compliant by the end of last year with a further 29 ready by the first half of 1999. However, If utilities, ten of which are water companies. did not expect to be ready until the end of 1999.

Moreover, the NAO insists that checking systems is not enough and accuses the regulators of having little information on the companies' contingency plans to deal with disaslow for the possibility that equipment and systems may still fail as a result of the millennium problem."

According to the NAO. Offer. the electricity regulator, is well behind Ofgas, Offel and Ofwar insofar as it has not yet even discussed contingency planning with electricity companies.

# VAT inspectors enlist IT aid

VAT INSPECTORS are to have their armoury strengthened with the provision of laptop computers that they will be able to plug in to a Customs and Excise information network while visiting businesses The laptops, part of a £500 million information technolo-

gy revamp by Customs, are being supplied by a consortium of ICL, Racal, Mitsubishi and Microsoft in a Private Finance Inidarive deal. The ICL consortium will

also take over responsibility for the current desktop computer technology at Customs and build the new information network. The deal means that 370 backroom Customs staff will

be transferred to ICL.
The network will enable VAT inspectors to call up all the information Customs has on a business during a visit. rather than check the figures when they return to the office. This should speed up the VAT inspection process, enabling businesses to know what they have to pay and Customs to collect it far more quickly. The system will provide

desktop IT for all 24,000 Customs staff, and will help support anti-fraud, anti-drugs and trade information sections of the Government department.

The £500 million deal is the third large outsourcing contract won by ICL in the last 10 weeks. It follows the award of the £200 million Elgar contract to revamp the informaoon systems of the Department of Trade and Industry last December and the controversial £183 million contract for new magistrates' courts systems awarded last month. ICL's successful run on winning Government contracts has come since it linked with Microsoft to form a global alli-

ance to bid for outsourcing

deals. The Government out-

sourcing market in the UK is

estimated to be worth more

than El billion a year.



Brooks: pre-empted rival

Sotheby's Nets art dealers SOTHEBY'S has stolen a

> march on its main rivals in the auction market by signing up more than 1.500 of the world's leading art, antiques, books, jewellery and collectibles dealers to its new Internet

> auction house launched the service last month and approached the vorld's top dealers, offering them an attractive deal on commissions for the website sothebys.com, but telling

them they only bad seven days to decide whether to sign.

Although the British Antiques Dealers' Association complained about the pressure tactics, it has become clear that most leading dealers believe that they would miss out if they did not sign up.

The move was seen as an attempt by Diana Brooks, president of Sotheby's to sew up the market before Christie's. its main rival, could launch a rival service. Christie's is plan-

ning to publish details of its Internet sales operation in the next few weeks. The Sothehy's service is expected to be up and running in the summer. Dealers will supply details of the items being sold through sothebys.com, which will publish them and then take bids over

Experts in the art market believe that antiquarian books. collectibles and prints will be the most easily saleable on the

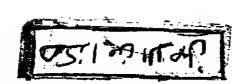
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# Banking sector takes FTSE past 6,100 level

STRIP out the banks and there was not a lot left for investors to chew over yesterday.

Between them they account-ed for a large part of the market's rise which carried it back over the 6,100 level. At one stage, it came within 46 points of its all-time closing high of 6,179.0 achieved last July.

The FTSE 100 index closed 85.4 up at 6.108.6, while the FTSE 250 index finished just 23.7 up at 5,200.9. A total of 1.08 billinn shares were traded.

Bardays led the way with a leap of 102p to £16.92, fuelled by the bener than expected profit numbers and dividend payout, Woolwich, up 171:p at 305 p. was also wanted ahead of results later today.

Also reporting later today is Allied Irish Bank, 301:p better at £11.32%p. There has been persistent talk of a bid for the Republic of Ireland's biggest bank with Uoyds TSB. 22p firmer at 904½p, reckoned to be considering an offer of £16 a share.

BP Amoco, down lip at 856%p, was a nervous market ahead of results later today. Brokers are bracing themselves for a further downturn in profitability.

Sir Clive Thompson's Rentokil Initial climbed 23%p to 4384 pafter Schroders, the broker, reiterated its "buy" recommendation on the shares.

The buyers came in for Eurotunnel, up 11p at 84p, amid suggestions that financier Vincent Bollore wants to take a sizeable stake in the debt-lad-

en group.

Marks & Spencer failed to make the most of the bullish trading conditions being enjoyed by the rest of the market with the price closing virtually unchanged at 36714p ahead of tomorrow's presentation for brokers. They will be looking for re-assurance that M&S can be steered back on course after last year's profits setback and subsequent boardroom upheaval.

RIB Mining fell 21/2p to 63p as the threat of industrial action took a step nearer. Miners have secured the majority vote needed to proceed with strike action.

Rio Tioto was also a nervous market, falling 35p to 79lp, reflecting fresh falls in

metal prices.

Speculative buying hoisted SIG Group 6kp to 180kp. There is persistent chatter among the speculators that CRH, the Irish building products group, steady at £11.23, is poised to bid up to 250p a



Neville Davis saw Compel Group shares climb after the IT services company reported strong interim profit figures

share which would value the husiness at £295 million. Industries firmed 3p to 65t; p. helped by a recommendation from Warburg Dillon Read, the broker, which prefers it to RMC Group, down 9p at 727p.

A strong interim performand: from Compel Group was rewarded with a rise of top to 480p. The information and technology services group, headed by Neville Davis, the chairman and chief executive. raised pre-tax profits from £3.66 million to £4.97 million. SG Securities, the company's own broker, has already raised its forecast for the full

year to £11.2 million. **Environmental Protection** Services was sleady at 94p after Stephen Dean, chairman,



A REQUEST by the plain-tiffs of the Leigh Day action lawsuit to delay the Court of Appeal hearing brought some relief to London's

BAT Industries rose loup to 612/2p. Imperial Group 43p to 754/4p and Gallaher 21p to 444p. News of the delay led to speculation that the plain-

tiffs were considering abandoning their case. Sentiment was further enhanced by a government decision blocking the NHS from tak-

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ing court action to recoup the cost of treating lung cancer victims. The Leigh Day plaintiffs

had their case rejected last ed too long to bring the case. However, last week, one US smoker was awarded \$51.2 million by a US court against tobacco producer

Philip Morris. Karl Green, at Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, said: The judge made questioned the substance of some of the claims."

most 30 per cent of the company, at 9.8p. The shares have been bought by a consortium headed by Charles Ryder and James Orr. who will then become chairman and finance director respectively. Mr Dean will concentrate his efforts on Artisan (UK), which was demerged from EPS back in December, last year, AIM-listed

Artisan closed up firmer 4:ap. Sherwood Group continued to reel from the failure of its management buyout with the price dropping 31-p to 271-p. Booker shed a further 81-p at 56p in the wake of this week's news of 600 job losses and heavy write-offs totalling £23 million relating to the disposal of its wholesale foods business.

An upbeat message to shareholders lifted Bradstock Group 3p 10 39p. They were told that the insurance broker had won good new business and that the impact on profits would be greater next year.

Voss Net jumped 21thp to 65p after it offset the impact of a place ing designed to raise £125,000 with news of an Internet supply agreement. It has signed a fouryear agreement with Free Computers for Education to provide free Internet access to schools. It will receive a percentage of the telecom charges generated.

Over on Ofex, shares of Talbex were suspended in late trading at 3p. It seems an unknown number of shareholders have been approached with an offer to buy their shares at 3p. As the company was unaware of any such document being issued, it called for a halt to trading so that a false GILT-EDGED: Evidence

of the healthy state of the gov-ernment coffers provided the springboard for some useful gains among bonds. But the rise in the inflation numbers took some of the edge off the market and meant that shorter-dated issues underperformed the rest of the market. A late sell-off in the futures of left prices well below their best levels of the day. The March series of the long gilt was 14p dearer at £117.12. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2021 rose £1.04 to

£148.35. while among shorterdated issues Treasury 7 per cent 2001 shed 8p at £107.6. NEW YORK: Shares were near their highs in late morning trading. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 60.76 at 9.335.65.

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# Barclays' fair shares

fully 25 per cent more than just before the appointment of the new chief executive, less than a week ago. It is clearly encouraging that the succession is resolved. Yesterday's results coo-tained no unexpected horrors, which was a relief. The commitment to cut costs, at the same time as continuing with the share buyback programme, was cheering. Soothing words about the future profitability of Barclays Capiml, the problem investment banking child. helped sentiment. Persistent rumours of bid activity, and the convincing logic supporting

merger, also buoys the stock. But there is a danger that the share price is racing ahead of itself. Michael O'Neill has not got his knees under the desk yet. His immediate task will be to set about cutting overheads but cost reductions have proved difficult to eke

SHARES IN Barclays Bank are now worth out of Barclays in the past and with such a sprawling empire the exercise may not be as straightforward as some hope. Barclays Capital remains tricky - the Russian debacle was a bad one-off but this part of the group may disappoint again.

Moreover the profitability of the underlying banking businesses is not as strong as, say, Lloyds TSB. And while comparisons with the doyen of the sector may be demanding, the share price indicates that the two are held in similar, if not quite equal, regard.

Most of the good news coming from Mr O'Neill's appointment and from the cost cutting is already in the share price. This is precipitate and the share price may weaken in the coming weeks. But Barclays is attractive for longer term reconstruction hopes, and because it may be bid for. Buy on the dips.

### Sema Group

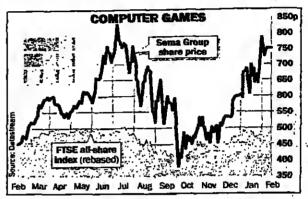
SOME might think that the miserable share price reaction to the 32 per cent increase in profits at Sema Group. the information technology company, was churlish. But Sema bas its problems.

It has still been unable to identify a suitable acquisition candidate in the US. An acquisition is required if Sema is to break into the truly global league. Haif of the world demand for computer consulting comes in the US. But Sema is dithering badly. If and when it does buy, however, the cost is sure to exert significant financial strain.

It is also worrying that Sema is concentrating more and more on developing software products. Undoubtedly this is part and parcel of offering solutions to computer and network problems. But it is also losing the company

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Sema, one of the largest IT stocks, is especially hard to ignore. But the price remains vulnerable. Only hold.



### Peter Black

PETER BLACK is at pains to point out that, while it is a major supplier of Marks & Spencer, it has not been suffering like many of the textiles firms that depend so heavily on the St Michael retailer.

That is hardly surprising.

but vesterday's results sug-gest it is also true. Despite the well-documented problems at the nation's favourite retailer. Peter Black is doing reasonably well supplying it with shoes, vinyl bags, cosmetics and toiletries. Underlying profits growth, excluding the ecently acquired Ferrosan UK (which makes Natracalm sleeping pills) were up by just under 5 per cent. This is not as impressive than the headline 121 per cent figure, but

no less respectable for that. Peter Black has a strong balance sheet and is sensibly investing in factories. Unless it delivers quality goods at low cost, its franchise will soon disappear offshore. It

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has done well so far and merits continued support.

cates how volatile life as an

IT stockholder has been, too.

Yet such is the growth poten-

Buying into Peter Black represents an M&S opportunity if you want exposure to upside at the retailer but are unsure of when the recovery at M&S will start. Its business is steadied with the likes of Superdrug and Tesco also as customers. It is also in some of the less poorly per-

forming retail product areas. Moreover, Peter Black has shown it can cope with a downturn at M&S, and it should benefit quickly from an upturn in trade. Add.

### Low & Bonar

THE paper and packaging industry has been a brutal playground for shareholders in recent times. The best to hope for from this poor, benighted sector is that industry consolidation might deliver them into the hands of a takeover.

Results yesterday from Low & Bonar suggest that trading conditions are likely

to worsen. The company reported lower than expected profits at £46.2 million but more worrying was the accompanying statement from Jim Heilig, chief executive. He gave warning that Bonar would endure failing sales and squeezed profit margins this year. Current year profit forecasts were cut from £48 million to £41 million.

It is not difficult to see why packaging and paper compa-nies are hurting so bad. There is excess capacity and weak demand. At 165p Bonar shares trade on a prospective p/e ratio of six times. Such a rating would be attractive i the industry showed hope of growth but on fundamentals is fully deserved here.

Yet Field Group, another UK packaging outfit, is currently being chased by two US companies. Depspite the trading weaknesses hopes of bid action is good enough reason to hold on to Bonar shares.

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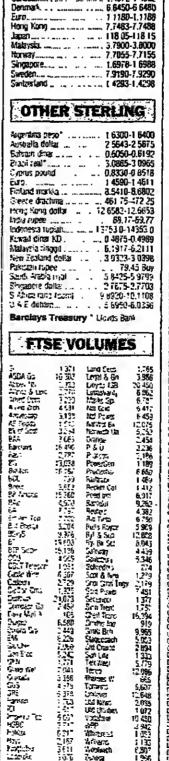
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ven in a mature democracy such as ours in Britain, a line of least resistance approach to the greatest issues of state can develop. So it is — dan-gerously — with the European sin-

gle currency.

Since the euro was launched, a smalt camp of previous don't knows appear, according to a re-cent Guardian/ICM poll, to have decided that they would now vote yes in a referendem on Britain's membership of the euro. Judging from conversations I have had since the euro started, the thinking behind this switch seems to go something like this the euro has worked and if it is all right for the rest of Europe, it should be all right for us; now that the euro has started, it is inevitable Britain will have to join and there is no point fightiog against it.
This air of resignation — still a

minority view — is no doubt welcome to those in Government who appear to regard Britain's membership of economic and monetary union as an article of faith, including, we believe, the Prime

# Beware the path of least resistance

Minister. If the sense of inevitability is gently encouraged, so the democratic majority against Brit-am joining will be gradually whittled away, whether or not Gordon Brown's economic tests for entry are met and whether or not the argument has genuinely been won.

Coupled with such subliminal encouragement from the Govern-ment is something of the atmos-phere that reigned on the Continent in the years before the euro became fact. Speaking out against the great project was treated as unpatriotic. Economists working for state-owned French banks were actually barred from expressing any negative semiments about France's franc fort policy and the drive towards EMU. Dissenting voices were subtly - and, in the

case of Bernard Connolly, summarily - marginalised. Britain is (I hope) too individual-

istic a country easily to bend to the propoganda of Government. It is as unlikely to accept a bald statement from the Government that the euro is good for you as it is to accept Tony Blair's assurances on genetically modified food or a pre-vious administration's assurance that post-Chernobyl lamb was ab-

solutely free from radiation.

Nevertheless, there is a palpable reluctance among many sen-ior members of the establishment to oppose the Government's pro-euro line publicly, whatever their private convictions, so great is the new Labour majority and so farreaching its patronage as it tries to build a coalitioo of the centre to embed semi-permanent power. There are people at the highest levels in both the Bank of England and the Treasury who have serious doubts about Britain joining the euro, but they are oot heard.



should join the single currency is of the most intense national gravity too important for opinion of whichever colour to be silent. There is an extremely important economic debate to be had about the wisdom of the project and of Britain's potential part in it. The Chancellor's five economic tests for entry — America and apple pie as-pirations such as whether Britain will prosper and create jobs - do

not begin to touch on the central economic issues thrown up by any single currency zone, wherever in the world. The argument, a month into an unprecedented experiment in economic and financial engineering, that the euro has "worked", betrays a deep misunderstanding.

There is also a political debate of matchless historical importance to be had, not just about whether the British people want. irrevocably, to give up national sovereignty, but also about the direction that the European Union, now dominated politically by the II-member eurozone, is taking. Exsing concern about the political future of Europe and Britain's relationship with it is too often belittled by some euro-enthusiasts who dismiss questioning souls as backward-looking, xenophobic, anti-European, little Englanders. Britain, as a committed member of the EU, ought to be asking serious questions about the political direction of Europe, as should

every other member.
We should be talking about the lack of democratic accountability of Europe's institutions - the European Commissioo and the Europe-an Central Bank. We should be discussing how best to integrate the former communist nations to the east into a democratic Europe, a far more difficult task now the euro is here. We should not assume that, within the EU, qualified majority voting should become the norm even for matters of foreign and security policy. We should constantly be questioning the pace of integra-tion apparently being advocated by France and Germany.

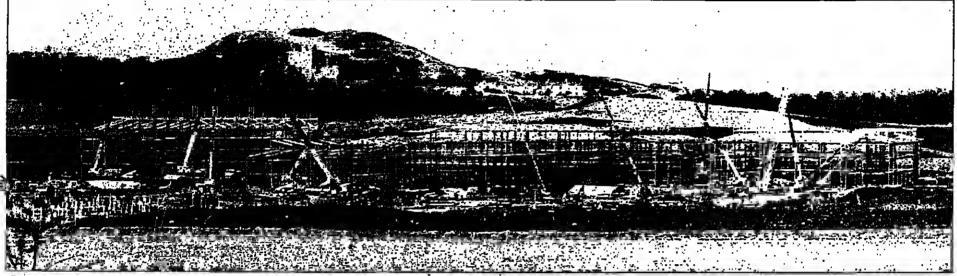
Some voices in Britain are now arguing that, because of the creation of euroland and its euro, Europe's path and the model of its de-

velopment is now set in stone; irreversible, uochangeable. But history does not work like this. Much is still up for grabs, the European model is still forming and it still has many flaws. There are still choices about the future to be made. Just because the euro has been launched does not mean different ideas of the future have

been permanently sidelined. These voices also argue that, outside euroland, Britain will have no leverage to determine the future - a reductio ad absurdum that we must give up our sovereignty to retain any power. That, if true, would be ample testament to how undemocratic a beast a euro-

land-dominated EU is becoming. I must, at this point, declare an interest. This is my last column for The Times, probably this year, because I am taking a leave of absence to serve as director of a new. non-party political group, to be launched shortly, that will argue for a constructive, committed and imaginative British approach to Europe but against Britain's membership of the single currency.

# Resuscitated PFI offers ailing health service the kiss of life



Construction work on the New Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and adjoining medical school is one of the largest PFI health schemes in the UK. The cost has been put at £180 million

he Private Finance Initiative (PFI) is much maligned and much misunderstood. It is not a privatisation nor is it a mechanism for transfering responsibility for clinical services to the private sector. It is merely a way for National Health Service trusts to obtain non-clinical services. What PFI seeks to achieve is for the. NHS Trusts to determine the services they need and then contract with the private sector to provide them. It is not the private sector which determines, for example, the bed number or the clinical mix of

services within a hospital. In theory, PFI allows trusts to determine how much an asset-based service - typically a hospital - should cost over its usable life and budget accordingly. All things being. equal, this should reduce cost and increase value for money for the trust. It also means that a trust has the sort of access to capital based on its needs rather than on the constraints set by the Treasury. The trust will have a competition between various private sector suppliers but will only choose a winper if it offers better value for money than the cost when compared with the public sector cost for the same service.

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When PFI was first intro-\*\*Bluced progress was slow. There were many reasons, including too many projects put forward, with little sense of priorities, and many of these projects were poorly defined and unaffordable. There was also a concern to the financial. markets that PFI projects may be ultra vires. This was because the powers of the NHS enter into these long, complex

and large deals.
Shortly after coming into power, Labour made two decisions that have significantly improved the situation. First. the NHS (Private Finance Act 1997) solved the vires problem. Secondly, the Health Minister identified 14 projects which would be given priority. These actions have led to deals to build 13 new hospitals with a capital value of some £1.7 billion being signed since May 1997. Many of these have successfully started construction.

Despite the NHS securing 13 new hospitals, which it otherwise could not have afforded. PFI is still attracting flak. Many people question how PFI can deliver value for money when government borrowing is cheaper than privately borrowed capital. The answer is that PFI works because it is not simply the private sector financing exactly what the public sector has historically done. The fundamental issue is that the public sector contracts with the private sector to design; build and operate the hospital as well as finance it. In essence this means that the NHS can pass on the problem of building and owning assets - and providing related non-clinical services - to the private sector and concentrate on the issue of

providing patient care. As the market has developed, new players have been tempted in and more innovative financirig techniques attempted - including long-term, fixed-rate and index-linked bonds in the debt markets as well as private equity. These developments have increased competition and brought down the costs of PFI to the trusts.



CHRIS ELLIOTT says radical thinking will enable the private sector, through the Private Finance Initiative, to help the National Health Service

Despite this progress, PFI still has room for improvement. Major obstacles to overcome include the fact that each contract is different and takes an inordinate length of time and hence cost to negotiate, which emphasises the adversarial nature of the negotiation which puts the public sector in the role of a "policeman" rather than that of a partner. The emphasis on cost of capital has led to very high gearing on many projects - often in excess of 90 per cent of the contract value - which reduces

flexibility. To date, traditional project finance models have been chosen to finance most PFI hospitals. This type of finance has a high front-end cost which is not relat-

ed to the amount of money raised and therefore makes the current PFI model difficult to apply to the small projects, such as community healthcare.

If PFI is to fulfil its potential and particularly if it is to be the catalyst to a long-term dy-namic partnership between the public and private sectors, it must change from its current model.

First, there must be more standardisation of contracts. This has been agreed by most parties but has yet to be imple-

mented. Once agreed these standards must be monitored and enforced. However, standardisation should not be seen as a one-way bet as there is a risk that standardisation may lead to a surpression of innovation. PFI is still new and the acceptance and pricing of risk by the private sector is likely to change over time. If standardisation prohibits this change. the pricing of risk could be set in a time warp, which is likely to lead to diminishing value for money for the public sector. Secondly, PFI

must become more flexible. It is extremely unlikely that the needs of a trust will remain constant throughout the contract period (generally 30 years). The management

of this change must be accommodated within the same value-for-money criteria as the original contract, which given the current inflexible nature of the contracts will be difficult. It is here where the concept of partnership between the public and private sector is most beneficial.

Thirdly, smaller projects should not necessarily be financed as stand-alone project finance structures. They need to

be financed from diversified bal-

ance sheets of significant size so and managed by the same entithey can be financed more as an

incremental investment rather than a start-up investment. Finally, more risk should be transferred to the private sector to ensure that the public sector does not have to consolidate the expenditure onto PSBR in the year in which the

contract is signed. How can all this be achieved? The variability in contract terms can best be overcome by centralising procurement within the NHS. This will ensure best practice is exer-cised across all deals and that the benefit of valuable resources is maximised and recycled in a positive way. This has been achieved by the Highways Agency and the Prison Service.

If PFI is to become more flexible it must accommodate lower levels of financial gearing. The providers of the equity must be willing to accept greater uncertainty and must be willing to actively manage the risk that will be passed to them. The management of these risks should be seen to be in partnership with the public sector. The most straightforward, yet radical, way for this to be achieved is for the public sector to hold an equity stake in the PFI companies. This stake should be seen as a commercial investment and not as a monitoring and prohibiting shareholding. This would further enhance the benefit received by the public sector. Joint shareholding should encourage the PFI com-pany to develop objectives acceptable to both public and private sectors. In order to over-

come some of the conflicts of

interest that are created by this

structure, the public sector equity should be held centrally

ty which is responsible for procurement as discussed above. This would also encourage the evaluation of PFI investments on a portfolio basis within the public sector.

The public investment should be managed against clear, transparent and quantifiable objectives. A government minority stake would be necessary to ensure the correct accounting treatment. Government would get value for its investment because as projects mature it would have the opportunity to recycle its capital as incremental value was created, hence the public sector would get more for its money.

These changes may require radical changes in thinking. but now is the time for radical action. The first wave of PFI projects has shown the doubters that the private and public sector can work together to construct, finance and manage public sector services. It has been demonstrated that the current model works. We now need to show that this model can be enhanced and that genu-European ine partnership can be achieved to manage public services in a rapidly changing envi-ronment. The successes of the South Africa. The immediate cause is the recent past should be seen as a

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start rather than a solution.

☐ TOMORROW: can we afford new blockbuster drugs such as Viagra? Sir Richard Sykes, chairman of Glaxo Wellcome, argues that we have to take a long, hard look at what is given for free on the NHS.

# Steel industry will have to bite the bullet

The stock price of Rio Tinto, the world's largest mining group, took a tumble yesterday, losing 4 per cent in a few hours. Such frights are commonplace at Rio, but this time the reason for the fall was not a collapse in copper or coal prices but the state of the Japanese steel in-

Rio is a big producer of iron ore, a core ingredient of steel. and yesterday Harnersley Iron, Rio's Australian producing subsidiary, announced price cuts of 10 to 11 per cent in its annual bargaining round with the big Japanese steel producers. Hamersley said: "Japanese crude steel production is at its lowest level in 27 years and shows signs of further deterioration.

Faced with weak domestic markets, Japanese mills are cutting back production. Nippon Steel will make a loss, and our own British Steel will lose some £200 million this year and at least half that amount next year. A worldwide glut is causing pain everywhere, rais-ing the threat of trade disputes and increasing trade tensions between the US and Europe.

Only last Friday, the US commerce department set duties on Japanese and Brazilian steel producers in response to an intense lobby from US steel producers. American producers complain that foreign steel makers are "dumping" hot rolled coil (a commodity steel product) at uneconomic prices, creating unfair competition

and threatening US jobs. Similar cries have been made in Europe over the product, which suffered a 35 per cent price collapse over three months as imports flooded into euroland. In November, a European steel lobby group, Eurofer, launched an antidumping complaint with the Commission against Taiwan, India, Iran, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and

collapse in consumption in South-East Asia. The region consumed some 75 million tonnes of imported steel at its peak, about 10 per cent of world production, but at the same time was itself producing 300 million tonnes to satisfy a construction boom. Plummeting demand left Asian producers and suppliers to the region floundering, so they targeted stable markets in Europe and the US, flooding them with cheap product. Politicians in Brussels and

Washington want us to believe this is a war between good, honest traders and nasty dumpers, but such a simplistic view obscures real structural problems. The world produces some 750 million tonnes but needs just 680 million. The collapse of the Russian and Ukrainian economies left huge, inefficient steel indus-

tries with no domestic market. Erecting barriers to cheap imports hurts consumers, but Colin Campbell, steel analyst at ABN Arnro, also sees dangers to the steel industry in protectionism. 'There are undoubtedly people out there selfing below the cash cost of production, but protectionist measures could be bad news for the industry. It reduces the speed of change."

Europe's private sector steel industry is less than ten years old and has only just begun a slow process of consolidating as it moves out of the state's embrace. In 1997 Thyssen and Krupp joined forces, followed later by Usinor of France taking over Belgium's Cockerill Sambre, and Arbed acquiring a 35 per cent stake last year in Aceralia of Spain.

Alan Coats of Merrill Lynch reckons that the industry peeds to move towards a small number of international champions capable of supplying high-quality steel products to manufacturers around the world. Such a move could be led by the automotive industry, and he points out the move by Usinor into the Brazilian steel industry, encouraged by car manufacturers.

But the process will be slow and painful and subject to political pressures. Usinor was forced to give job guarantees to Bel-gium in its takeover of Cockerill. British Steel is trying for the second time to acquire Salzgitter, the German mill currently in talks with Luxembourg's Arbed. Given Britain's reputation for closing down mills at home, it is unlikely that the government of Lower Saxony, which owns a quarter of Salzgitter, would welcome such a move.

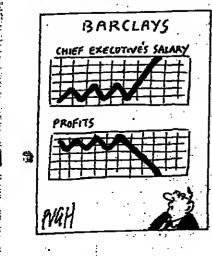
But closures are what the in-dustry needs if Asian demand does not pick up rapidly. As Mr Campbell points out: What troubles the Americans is not so much the low-quality Russian exports but high-quality and low-cost steel from Korea and Japan."

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# Excess fare

I DON'T know how this will play with the electricians, but I hear that Bechtel, the American engineer parachuted in to complete the Jubilee Line extension to Canary Wharf and be-yond, is on a success fee of £10 million if the trains are running by the millennium

The total cost of the work is about 13 million, but London Underground has agreed that the Ameri-

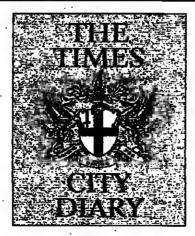


cans will turn a profit only if the trains run to a previously agreed and fairly tough schedule.

In return, Bechtel insisted on a bo-nus of £10 million, on the ground that it probably is the only one who could guarantee that the line opens on time. For the bonus to be paid, 28 trains an hour, the same capacity as on the existing parts of the Jubilee Line, must run for paying passengers from Stratford to North Greenwich, south of the Thames, by April 30. The really important Waterloo link must open by the end of August, and the rest, to Green Park, within a further two

I am told the Americans are on schedule to earn their money. Well, you would be, wouldn't you?

STAYING on a millenarian theme, I had always assumed that any millen-nium bug problems would follow the dawning of the new century around the world. So the first effects would be felt in Australia and then Tokyo, then sweeping through the rest of Asia via Europe to London. This would give us some warning. But I am told otherwise. It all depends



where your computer was made, and so when, according to local time, the clock was put in. So if your machine was made in the Far East, it could fail 12 hours or more before the arrival of the millennium in London or New York. I have no idea if the above is true, but it seems to make sense.

Revenge bid?

SOMEONE with a long memory ob-serves the takeover by Prebon Yamane of fellow moneybroker MW Marshall with a jaundiced eye and points out that almost two decades ago the boot was on the other foot.

There was great outrage in the early 1980s when Marshall, then owned by Mercantile House, bought Charles Fulton and set about sacking large chunks of the workforce. Banks vowed to withdraw their business, and the indignation in the money markets lasted, ooh, at least a week. Bits of Fulton were sold off and, in the fullness of time, became Fulton Prebon, which begat Prebon Yamane, and so on. So will old scores be

now settled? Prebon's Patrick Keenan assures me: "If that was a model of how not to achieve a merger, this one is going to be quite different." FORGET leaves on the line or the wrong sort of snow, this has to be the best excuse yet, from delay-plagued

Connex South Central. One of its trains was held up on Monday evening. "We apologise for the five-minute delay at Coulsdon South," passengers were told. "This was due to the presence on the train of four drug dealers."

Glass apart

AS BARCLAYS announces its results for last year - and wasn't Bob Diamond of Barclays Capital in a bad mood yesterday? — an odd thought strikes me. There have been two new non-executives on the board of Pilkington, the glassmaker, over the past year. They are both former Barclays

One is Oliver Stocken, who was fi-nance director, the other Bill Harrison, who ran BZW. Both left after falling out with Martin Taylor, the former Barclays chief executive. He is, of course, now gone, his departure having been assisted by a Barclays non-executive, Sir Nigel Rudd. Sir Nigel is chairman of Pilkington. It's probably only a coincidence.

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Rudd: familiar faces on board

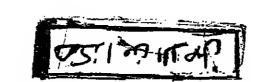
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# Low & Bonar sees shares slide as prospects worsen

By Paul ARMSTRONG

INVESTORS pounded shares of Low & Bonar again vester-day after the packaging group painted a bearish outlook based on Inwer sales and righter margins.

Fear, that Low's already tough market conditions might deteriorate further saw the share price marked down by nearly 10 per cent to h5p.

The stock has plunged fmm a high of 420p in June, amid worries about the company's sensitivity to the international economic climate and particularly the Asian crisis.

Low yesterday reported that it had made a pre-tax profit of \$40.2 million in the year to November 30, down from \$47.5 million the previous year and below analysts' expectations.

The result was helped into a pre-tax deficit of £3.4 million after exceptional losses of £49.1 million, most of which stemmed from a book-keeping

chase of its cereal packaging business in 1993.

However, Low said that it would maintain its final dividend at 11.35p, making 15.85p for the year, compared with 15.6p in the previous year. Jim Heilig, chief executive, said that Low was brazing

said that Low was bracing itself for an increasingly difficult environment where cost control would be critical.

"The economic climate around the world has caused

some of our customers' businesses to be flat nr even to decline." Mr Heilig said.

He said that Low's plastics division had been hit by the downturn in demand for capital machinery, such as tractors and diggers, for which it supplied many parts.

"Our order books declined in the last couple of months of 1998 and in January this year." Mr Heilig said.

There is also some pretty severe price competition in the

packaging business, particularly on the Continent."

He said that the folding cartions business was burdened by significant excess capacity and he feared that the 2 per cent rise recorded in profit margins last year across the

group would be eliminated.

Low also foreshadowed annual savings of £6 million, half of which would become available this year, from a restructuring of its enlarged cartons business.

Costs associated with the reorganisation, which stems from last year's £67.5 million purchase of the Waddington Cartons business, came to £9.5 million and were charged to the 1998 result. Mr Heilig said that he was

cover of five to six times, saying that it gave the company scope to make another acquisition.

comfortable with Low's interest

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Boxed in: Jim Heilig saw Low & Bonar's pre-tax profits fall

# IT floats will net millions for directors

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TWO young IT industry executives yesterday looked set to become multimillionaires as their companies, Morse Holdings and Axon Group, decided to so public

Duncan McIntyre, chief executive of Morse, will see his shares in the company valued at more than £25 million, while Mark Hunter, chief executive of Axon, will see his shares valued at about £30 million. The companies are likely to be valued at £300 million and £100 million respectively.

Mr McIntyre, a 39-year-old former accountant, led a £46 million management buyout of Morse in 1995, with 3i, the venture capitalist group, taking a 55 per cent stake in the business. Other shareholders in Morse include PPM Venture and staff.

Morse also announced yesterday that it had appointed Richard Lapthorne, vice-chairman of British Aerospace, as a non-executive director. Morse, which helps small and medi-

um-sized companies to install computer hardware and software systems, is expected to raise about 70 million of new cash at its flotation, scheduled to take place before the

This leaves the company currently valued at about £230 million, with Mr McIntyre holding an 11 per cent stake. Mr McIntyre said yester-

day: "What we aim to do is carry on up the value chain not get sucked down to the lower end of the market. We need to become a proper pan-European company." He added that the £70 million raised on floation would be used to expand overseas, pay off debts, and develop niche markets.

Axon specialises in the implementation and continuing support and maintenance of "enterprise resource planning" software systems. It expects to raise about £14 million at its flotation. Mr Hunter, 36, said the money would be spent mainly on research and development

# Troubled times for Zochonis

BY ROBERT LEA

PATERSON ZOCHONIS, purveyors of the Imperial Leather brand of toiletries, reported a catalogue of woes yesterday from worsening credit problems in Russia to consumer depression in Nigeria.

Despite the successful launch of a new shower product. Foamburst, in the UK, the shares fell another 5p to 337/4p.

Reporting interim pretax profits down by 23 percent in the six months to November 30 at £11.3 million, the company gave warning that numbers for the full year will not be helped by a £6.3 million charge in the second half, covering its problems in China. Graham Calder, finance

Graham Calder, finance director, said operations in China had been badly hit by competition. In other businesses, Far East profits are beginning to improve after currency devaluations, although "serious" difficulties remain in Eastern Europe. The interim dividend remains at 5.85p.

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# Oriel unveils £7.5m

# London hotel plan ORIEL LEISURE, the budget hotel group backed by Englis

ORIEL LEISURE, the budget hotel group backed by English & Overseas Properties and Bankers Trust, is to develop a £7.5 million Holiday Inn Express in Wandsworth, South London. The 148-room hotel, part of the Riverside West residential, leisure and office development near Wandsworth Bridge, will charge about £70 a room when it opens its doors in autumn 2000. The hotel is one of at least 20 that Oriel is planning to develop over the next three years under an agreement with Bass Hotels & Resorts, owner of the Holiday Inn brand. Its first Express opened in Peterborough last November.

Michael Brooker, chief executive of Oriel, said: "In the next few months we're going to announce another seven projects in various parts of the country at a total cost of around £32 million." He said the plan was to expand to a size where Oriel's backers could seek an exit, through a flotation or a trade sale. Oriel moved into budget hotel development three years ago after failing in an attempt to buy Forte's White Hart Hotels chain.

### News Ltd phone stake

NEWS LTD, the Australian arm of The News Corporation. has joined forces with Publishing and Broadcasting to invest A\$709 million (about £273 million) in One.Tel. the emerging mobile phone operator. Each will take a 20 per cent stake in One.Tel through a mixture of shares and options, to strengthen the company's expansion into overseas markets. One.Tel shares rose almost 8 per cent to A\$12.63. One.Tel's main competitors in Australia are Telstra, Optus and Vodafone. News

### Rolls in £150m deal

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engines manufacturer, has signed a contract worth £150 million with British Aerospace for the engines and through-life support of Rolls-Royce Turbomeca. Adour Mk 871 engines that will power Australia's Hawk fighter aircraft. The contract covers the 33 aircraft being acquired by the Royal Australian Air Force. Rolls-Royce will manufacture the first batch of Adour engines at its Bristol facility. The first engine is due to be delivered next month to British Aerospace for installation into the first Australian Hawk.

### Gearhouse accelerates

GROWTH in events around the world hiring audio-visual and other conference and exhibition equipment helped Gearhouse Group to a 60 per cent rise in profits in the first half of the year, with the company's chairman, Brian North, forecasting considerable scope for growth. Pre-tax profits for the six months to December 31 came in at £2.13 milion on turnover up 25 per cent at £37.6 million. Earnings per share were 8.8p (5.4p) and the interim dividend is up to 2.8p from 2.6p.

### St Modwen on the up

ST MODWEN PROPERTIES, the property development and investment company based in Birmingham, reported a 19 per cent rise in net assets to 81.8p a share for the year to November 30. Pre-tax profits rose 15 per cent to £15.6 million, with earnings up 12 per cent to 9.2p a share. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 3.3p a share, with a final 2.3p. The investment property portfolio, including the share of properties in joint ventures, was valued at £166.1 million on November 30, producing a surplus over valuacion of £8.5 million.

### Picture bright at Quarto

QUARTO GROUP, the publisher of illustrated books. lifted 1998 pre-tax profits to E3.7 million from E2.9 million. Group sales fell 3 per cent to £79.2 million but were £80.5 million at constant currency rates. Earnings rose to 9.8p a share from 7p. The final dividend is held at 2.3p, making 4.5p for the year. The shares rose 7p to 644p. Laurence Orbach, chairman, said the company expected to improve its competitive position this year, helped by the anticipated return to profitability within the art publishing business.

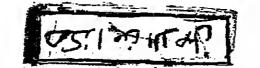
### Macro 4 confident

SHARES in Macro 4 soared nearly 20 per cent after Ronnie Wilson, chief executive, said the company's pipeline of orders for its software supplies was building satisfactorily and that second-half results should continue to show improvement. Pre-tax profits in the six months to December 31 slipped 4 per cent to a little more than £5 million after £1.2 million extra "investment in people". Earnings per share were 16.6p (17.6p) and the interim dividend is unchanged at 10.2p.

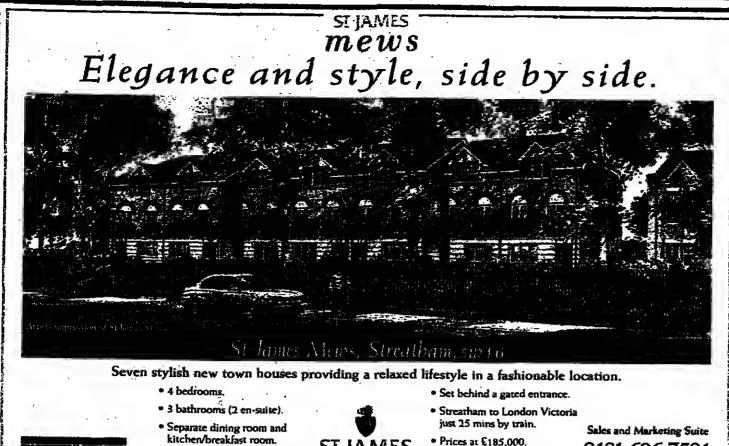
### **Buoyant Compel**

THE outlook is bright for providers of computer services to blue chip companies, according to Neville Davis, chairman and chief executive of Compel, which provides server and I' network support for a range of large organisations. The company's shares climbed 16p to 480p yesterday after the company reported pre-tax profits up 36 per cent to nearly £5 million to the six months to December 31. Earnings per share came in at 11.6p (9p) and the interim dividend rises to 2.4p (2.1p).

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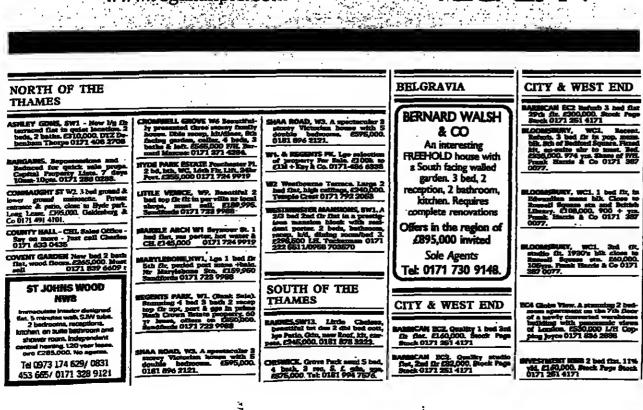
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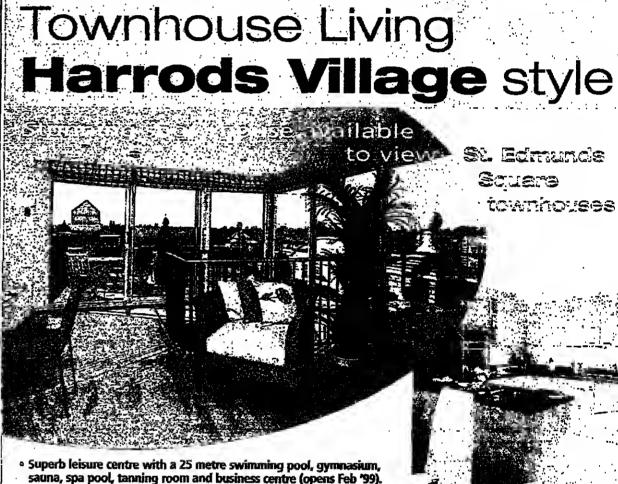
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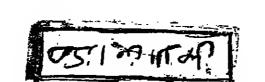






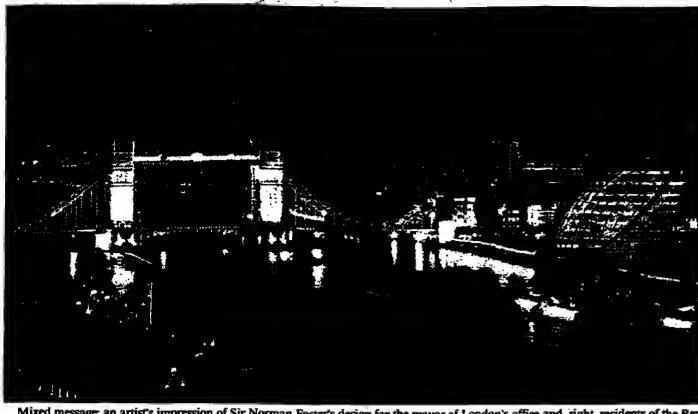


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# 'Whose London is it anyway?





Mixed message: an artist's impression of Sir Norman Foster's design for the mayor of London's office and, right, residents of the Bermondsey council flats which could be demolished because of increasing land values if the offices go ahead

t is the biggest develop-ment site in town: 13 acres of mud overlooking the Tower of Lon-don. Its value when complete is estimated at £1 billion. And it is also the front-runner for the plum of plums: the office of the new mayor of London, a landmark waterfront building which has been variously described as a glass egg, a soap-dish or a fencing mask.

This building will be the cen-trepiece of a huge complex of offices, shops, a 180-bedroom hotel and public spaces drawn to a masterplan by Sir Norman Foster and Partners. The developers, CfT/Mark-borough, have a planning ap-plication before Southwark Council. A decision is expected

Not before time: over the past 20 years a long series of development proposals, including one that was a pastiche of the Palace of Westminster. and another of Venice, have all proved abortive.

This time the developers are playing it by the book. Firms have been hired to listen and learn about local needs, to un-

London's new mayor will almost certainly have a splendid office near Tower Bridge, but local residents are worried. Laura Blair reports

derstand how people use the area, to inform local communities and to create jobs: some 10,000 jobs are promised (though these, of course, will depend on a successful take-up of the office space). Help is promised with retraining local

view to the public - proclaim the "mixed-use" development as "a new heart for Bermondsey". The most successful places round the world, the publicity says, "are those that put people first ... places where people can meet, explore, talk, shop, eat, relax and play".

So how does the community feel? Most of them live south of the walled-off site, many in council-owned mansion blocks, and on the whole they are happy with the idea of offices nearby. There is some concern that the plans allow for a skating rink, health dub and a

walkway but no housing, cine-ma or children's facilities. For once, though, nobody is blaming the developers.

We would have included social housing if it had been part of the council's planning brief," says Kevin McGovern. the managing director of CIT/ Markborough. "And we are talking to a cinema operator."

hildcare facilities? A library? These too "could happen as part of the planning gain settlement" (the money. or equivalent, given to the planning authority as part of the planning permission).

The exact contents of the site are open to negotiation. But behind the details lies a bigger picture, and a greater fear for the residents, some of whom have lived there since the Blitz. If London Bridge City is built, property values in the im-

council, with its new selffinancing housing prog-ramme, might well consider selling its estates locally and reinvesting the profits elsewhere in the borough.

. Indeed, a proposal to demolish and sell three of the estates has already found its way on to the council's minutes. It is only one of various options, including refurbishment; but its very inclusion is surprising, since the estates appear to be in good condition. During the war Bermond-

sey was a big food centre, known as the larder of London. The food trade has dwindled, warehouses have closed. docks have moved east and jobs are scarce. But there is a surprising community spirit left among the veterans and the young tenants and leaseholders in the flats. They resent the idea of the council act-



ing as a property developer and are asking why demolition has even been considered.

Demolition proposals should be informed by a stock condition survey and resi-dents should be involved in the decision-making process," says Andrew Ecclestone, the chairman of the residents' association representing the estates in question. "But we were denied access to the condition

survey.
"What is proposed here flouts the Government's guidelines for sustainable regeneration - and this is a Labour council. Whose London is it

haps, for the new mayor, who should be able to move into the new HQ next summer, enjoying a view of the Thames and the Tower at present seen

only by the residents.
But the plot of land they occupy is now valued at £22.5 million, a tempting target for the council. After demolition the tenants fear that they could be rehoused piecemeal all over the borough and the (few) leaseholders served with compulsory purchase orders, ending up with very little. Michael Irvine, the director

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cil. denies any hidden agenda.

"These are just proposals," he says. "Nothing has been decided. We are carrying out a programme of housing improvement funded by the Government funded by the Government funded by the Government funded by the covernment funded by the covern ment's Capital Receipts Initia-tive (CRI), and therefore have conducted several feasibility studies " But the residents know that the f12 million CRI money is not enough to fund South-wark's housing programme. The council needs more.

A demolish and sell policy might make sense from a property point of view, admits Simon Hughes, the local (Liberal Democrat) MP. But there was nothing about it in Labour's manifesto. It should not be a policy introduced by the back door. Disrupting stable communities is too high a price to pay. People should not be treated as pawns in the

roperty market."
"Lil" Patrick is a sprightly 80-year-old who has always lived and worked in the area - Teather worker, air raid warden, musery belper. She feels she is being kicked out of the way by today's society.

There is a strong community spirit among the Blitz veterans and young council tenants

We already have a Berlin Wall, she says. Tooley

In the wider context there is concern that government guidelines on affordable housing are not being met. George Nicholson, of the pressure group. Communities and Homes in Central London, says: "There is a new national policy on enforceable levels of affordable housing to reduce social exclusion. Yet this is being flouted by many redevelop-ment plans.

Or, as Simon Hughes puts it: 'What would the money equivalent of a council flat buy

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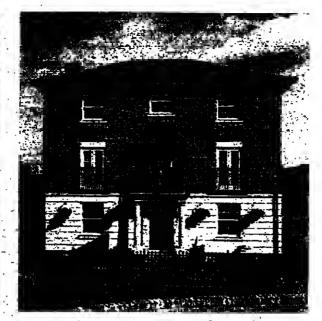
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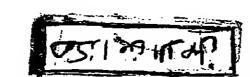
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In re Procter and Gamble

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson.

Lord Justice Robert Walker and

The provision in section 3(1)(b) of

the Trade Marks Act 1994 requir-

ing that registration must be re-fused for trade marks which were

devoid of any distinctive character

was directed to a visible sign, or combination of signs, which could

by itself readily distinguish one trader's product from that of anoth-

The Court of Appeal so stated

when dismissing an appeal by Proceer and Gamble Ltd against

the dismissal by Mr Justice Chad-

wick on July 25, 1997 of their ap-peal under section 76 of the 1994

Act. Procter and Gamble contend-

ed that the Comptroller-General of Patents. Designs and Trade

Marks, acting as registrar, was wrong to refuse, on hearings be-

fore his hearing officer, Ms Virgin-ia Douglas, three applications for

registration of trade marks on Feb-

ruary 27, 1996.

Each application was to register
a three-dimensional bottle as a

mark in class 3: that is, polishing.

scouring and abrasive prepara-

tions: detergents and soaps: bleach-ing preparations. The impact of the

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The shape of all three bottles was the same and found to be typi-

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Their object was said to be to se-

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Mr Christopher Morcom, QC and Mr James Graham for Procier

and Gamble: Mr Daniel Alexan-

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ties was to be assessed together.

Lord Justice Tuckey

[Judgment January 29]

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# Freedom to increase excise rates

Regina v Commissioners of of the EU internal market and Customs and Excise and Others, Ex parte Shepherd Neame Ltd

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice

(Judgment February 12)

There was no obligation under Community law on the United Kingdom to abstain from making increases in the UK rate of excise

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal Shepherd Neame Ltd from the refusal by the Oueen's tio: May and Mr Justice Mosest (The Times February 2, 1998; (1998) I CMLR 1139t of an application for udicial review of the rate of excise duty brought into effect by section 8 of the Finance (No 2) Act 1997.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for the applicants: Mr Ross Cranston, QC, Solicitor General, and Mr David Anderson for the Treasury, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and the Aiiomey-General.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the UK's rate of excise duty on beer was about seven times that of France. Not surtax-induced cross-horder shapping and increased smuggling. Not surprisingly, too. Kent brew-

ers, like the applicants, close to cross-Channel rail and ferry services, complained of damage to their trade. But the question before their Lordships was whether the applicants had a grievance in law. The applicants complaint was di-

rected to the last two rate increases, of 3 per cent in the 1997 budget and 3.2 per cent in the 1998 budget. Those increases, the applicants argued, inflation-linked though

they were, took the United King-

dom further away from the greater

harmonisation of excise duties nec-

essary for the proper functioning

Regina v Jones (Douglas)

Hudgment February 81

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Jus-

tice Ognall and Mr Justice Burton

Where there was more than one

possible basis for a verdict of guilty

of manslaughter, in many cases it

might be convenient and desirable

for a judge to invite a jury to indi-cate the basis on which they re-

turned that verdict. The purpose of

such an inquiry was to help the

Division, so stated when dismiss-

ing the appeal of Douglas Leary

Constantine Jones against his con-

viction by a majority of 10 to 2, fol-

lowing a retrial, on October 20.

1997 at the Central Criminal Court

before Sir Lawrence Verney, QC.

then Recorder of London, and a turned.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

judge in relation to sentence

were thus incompatible with EC

The 1997 increase, announced on July 2, 1997 and brought into ci-fect on January 1, 1998 by section 8 of the 1997 Act, was the subject of the applicants first challenge. which was dismissed by the Divisional Court.

Leave to appeal was refused successively by the Divisional Court and Lard Justice Buston but was ranted by Sir Richard Scott, the ice-Chancellor, and Lord Justice Schiemann without argument, on the basis that the case raised issues of constitutional importance.

Leave to challenge the 1998 budgel increase, announced on March 17, 1998 and brought into effect on January I. 1999, was refused by Mr Justice Collins in the light of the Divisional Court's dismissal of the

Their Lordships, however, granted leave at the outset of the present appeal hearing on the footing that that further challenge raised identical points to those arising on the ap-peal so that its fate should be linked to the outcome of the ap-

Article 99 of the EC Treaty lay at the heart of the appeal and provided: The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament and the economic and social committee, adopt provisions for the harmonisarion of legislation concerning ... excise duties ... to the extent that such harmonisation is necessary to ensure the establishment and the functioning of the internal market within the time limit laid down in

In a 1965 paper on completing Commission concluded that fully harmonised excise rates for the main categories of excisable goods were desirable and proposed such

a system.

The subsequent debate on those proposals, however, led both the

jury, of manslaughter, on which he was sentenced to eight years im-prisonment. He had been charged

Miss Clare Montgomery, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr E. Julian Bevan, QC, for the

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving

the judgment of the court, said that there was no obligation on a judge

10 make inquiries as to the basis of

the verdict but, in the exercise of his discretion, when summing up he might hand to the jury wrinen questions which might identify the

different possible verdicts, not only

as between murder and man-

slaughter, but also as to the rea-

sons for the verdict of manslaugh-

ter. If such a verdict was to be re-

with murder.

Council of Europe and the Commission to recognise that complete rate harmonisation was not necessary for the creation of the internal market and in 1989 amended proposals were brought lorward for a system of minimum rates, rate

band and target rates.

However, the eventual rate system introduced in 1992 by the Council's adoption of three Directives under article 99 consisted solely of minimum rates together with harmonised structures and common rules for holding and movement of excisable goods.

Directive 92/84/EEC |the Rates Directive (OJ 1992 L316/29) provided for minimum rates of excise duly and by article 8 provided:

Every two years ... the Council, acting on the basis of a report ... from the Commission, shall cramine the rates of duty laid down herein and, acting unanimously .... shall adopt the necessary meas-

In a 1995 report the Commission said: "1.7 In deciding to adopt a sys-tem of minimum rates, the Council clearly felt that market forces should be the driving force behind rate approximation."
Article 5 of the EC Treaty was

central to the applicants' case and provided: "Member states shall take all reasonable measures ... to ensure fulfilment of the obligations arising out of this Treaty or resulting from action taken by the institutions of the Community. They shall facilitate the achievement of the Community's tasks. They shall abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of this Treaty."

Mr Beloff argued that the duries of the Council under article 99 were not exhaustive of the objective of harmonising excise duties, but. on the contrary, the duties of mem-ber states under article 5 also bore

on the matter Implicit in his argument was the assertion that if the Council, and the Commission, were striving to

reach agreement with a view to fur-

Alternatively, after a manslaugh-

ter verdict was returned a judge

might ask the jury what was the ba-

sis of that verdict, provided that he had warned the jury when sum-ming up of his intention to ask the

question. There was, however, no

The purpose of the inquiry, if the

udge saw fil to make it, was to

help the judge when sentencing.

The response of a jury would ex-

plain why a verdict of not guilty of

murder had been returned. It

would not provide any necessary

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Provided a jury were agreed that

a defendant was guilty of man-

slaughter in the sense that they

were sure that he perpetrated an

verdict was reached.

obligation un a jury to answer.

Seeking reason for verdict from jury

ther harmonisation, then no member state could in the meantime take any measure that increased divergence.
The true position, however, as

submitted by the Solicitor General. seemed to be that if there was compliance with whatever Directives were adopted under article 99. there could be no breach of article

Member states enjoyed complete fiscal sovereignty, subject only to such restrictions as might have been unanimously agreed under article 99.

No harmonising measures had ever been agreed beyond the mini-mum rates of duty specified by the Rates Directive.

Subject only to those minimum rates, the power to determine ex-cise duties belonged to each individual member state and was part of its core competence to levy taxation. That competence could not be

depleted by mere inference. Mr Beluff sought to invoke article 5. in effect, to place constraints on each member state's fiscal sovercignty despite the absence of any manimous agreement to that e fect. That was plainly impermissi-ble, There was no warrant for it either in Community legislation un

any of its jurisprudence.

His Lordship rejected, as had
the Divisional Court, Mr Beloff's argument based on the trilogy of cases concerned with fish stock con servation in the context of the com-mon fisheries policy: Kramer [1976] ECR 1279, France v United Kingdom [1979] ECR 2923 and Commission v United Kingdom [1980] ECR 2403.

Indeed, his Lordship agreed with the Divisional Court's conclusion that, so far from providing an analog, those cases demonstrated the difficulties faced by the applicants in the present different situa-

Lord Jusõe Auld and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

death of the deceased, there was no

need for unanimity as to the basis

The considerations adverted to

in R v Brown (Kevin) ((1984) 79 Cr

App R 115, 119) as to the need for a

jury to be unanimous as to the in-

gredients of the offence and the

facts substandating those ingredi-

ents, did not have any application

to the circumstances where a ver-

There was no obligation on the

judge to give any further directions

than he had done in this case, and

there was no ground for regarding

the appellant's conviction of man-

slaughter as being in any way un-

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

as an alternative to murder.

for that verdict.

Solicitors: Travers Smith Braithwaiie; Treasury Solicitor.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that it was common ground that the 1994 Act marked an important departure from the law on registration of trade marks going back to 1875.
Authorities decided by reference

der for the registrar.

to earlier statutes might not be apposite. The 1994 Act was not a consolidating Act. It was passed to give effect to Council Directive 89/104 EEC (OJ 1989 L40/5), It had to be construed in a manner consistent with its Community origins and purposes.

Section 3 of the 1994 Act set out grounds on which registration must be refused. The present application had been refused under 3(1)(b) "trade marks which are dewid of any distinctive character". There was no definition of "distinctive" in the 1994 Act where be-

fore under the 1905 and 1938 Acts it under the 1994 Act was summa-

rised in Eurolamb Trade Mark In the 1905 Act there was a statuto-(1997) RPC 279, 238). The registrar no longer had a discretion but had to make a judgment: yes or no.

The ghosting of the labels was at the heart of the appeal. Procter and Gamble wanted to go beyond the registration of a particular name or device and to achieve registration for what was often called "getup". That was a convenient expression for the characteristic style of a product which may be produced by the use of colouring, typogra-phy, materials, finishing and other elements apart from the text itself

cial design. Like many leading manufacturers, Procter and Gamble did not welcome lookalikes and they would like to be able to curb them by registration under the 1994 Act rather than by the probably more

which went into modern commer-

arduous process of passing-off. The proviso to section 3(1) of the 1994 Act was not in point as no evi-dence was adduced that the get-up shown in the three applications had acquired any special distinc-tiveness as a result of use in the

Whether or not the designs were devoid of any distinctive character must be decided by reference to the designs themselves, not by reference to any particular marketing experience see AD 2000 Trade Mark (1997) RPC 168, 174). The essential issue was whether

the hearing officer and the judge erred in construing and applying the words "devoid of any distinctive character.

Mr Morcom submitted that an

application could not be refused un-less it could be fairly said that the mark possessed no distinctive char-acter whatsoever. Each of the three applications depicted a distinctive

get-up.

It was erroneous to rely on what the hearing officer called "the clas-sic test of distinctiveness" in Lord Parker's speech in W and G Du Cros ((1913) 30 RPC 660, 672). His Lordship noted that it was important to see the words of Lord

ry definition of "distinctive" later reproduced in section 9 of the 1938 Act "distinctive means adapted ... to distinguish goods" with which the trade mark's proprietor was connected in the course of trade

from goods where there was no such connection. "Distinctive" was further explained by a provision under which "adapted" could refer either to inherent adaptation or to adaptarion in fact by reason of use of the trade mark: see Smith, Kline and French Laboratories Ltd v Ster-ling-Winthrop Group (1976) RPC

The dual system of registration ontained in section 9 of the 1938 Act was swept away by the 1994 Act. Moreover section 3(1)(c) and (d) of the 1994 Act spett out, al-(d) of the 1994 Act spett out, arthough not necessarily with idenocal effect, requirements which were previously contained in the principle that "inherently capable of distinguishing" in the 1938 Act meant capable to law, not capable in fact: see In re York Trailer [1982]

WLR 195, 198-201). His Lordship would accept that Lord Parker's observations about distinctiveness must since the 1994 Act be treated with considerable caution, especially so far as they re-ferred to what was capable in law of distinguishing one product from another. Is appeared to his Lordship, how-

ever, that the passage was referred to by the hearing officer and the judge for little more than its de-scription of the context in which the meaning of distinctive charac-ter had to be determined: that is, of traders who were in competition with each other in the market place, and to whom Parliament wished to accord proper protection but not any exorbitani monopoly.

The judge had derived assistance from Mr. Justice Jacob in British Sugar pic v James Robertson and Sons Ltd (1996) RPC 281, 306) which his Lordship found helpful. The present case was concerned, not with a mark which was said to

use, nor with a mark which was said to be disqualified on some comparatively technical ground such as its geographical indication. It was concerned with the much simpler issue of whether the subect-matter of the applications was, in the non-jechnical sense which Mr Justice Jacob had in mind in- - -

herently distinctive. Marks which were unusual, or even absurd, arrested the eye and mind and were recognised for what they were. They were distinctive in that they could perform the essential function of a trade mark: sec Philips Electronics BV v Remington Consumer Products Ltd (The Times February 2 1998; [1998]

RPC 283, 299-303). Section 3(I)(b) had to be directed to a visible sign or combination of signs which could by itself readily distinguish one trader's product, in the present case an ordinary, inex-pensive household product, from

pensive household product, from that of another competing trader.

Product A and product B might be different in their outward appearance and packaging, but if the differences became apparent unly on close exantination and comparison, neither could be said to be distinctive, unless, of course, one constituted an unlawful infringement stituted an unlawful infringement of some existing trade mark. An objection on those grounds would be a practical and businesslike ubjec-

There was nothing inherently distinctive about the three bottles which were the subject matter of the applications. Taking together the shape, ghosted label and col-ours and treating them as a combination, his Lordship found that they were not distinctive but typical of the get-up of products used for cleaning different kitchen and bothroom surfaces; typical in every respect except that there was no identification by any distinctive product name or device. The ap-peal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Tuckey agreed. Solicitors: Mr Robert M.

## Prison care in pregnancy

Brooks v Home Office Before Mr Justice Garland

| Judgment February 3|

A pregnant woman detained in prison was entitled to expect the same careful standard of obstetric medical care and observation as if

she were at liberty.

Mr Justice Carland so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing a claim by Margaret Brooks against the Home Office for damages for the loss of her baby while she was detained at Holloway Prison and her resulting psychiatric injury.

Mr Charles Lewis for the plain-tiff; Mr Stephen Irwin, QC, for the delendant.

that the plaintiff was pregnant with twins and her pregnancy was classified as high risk, requiring regular monitoring by ultrasound scans and clinical examination. She was remanded in custody at Holloway where the prison medical service had been responsible for her care.

A scan at the prison revealed that twin I was 20 per cent smaller than twin 2 and had not grown suf-ficiently within the previous two

His Lordship said that Knight v Home Office [[1990] 3 All ER 237] was not authority for the proposition advanced by the respondent that the plaintiff, as a pregnant woman, was not entitled to expect

ric care and observation as if she was at liberty. The standard of care given to the plaintiff fell below that expected in that the doctor in charge of the plaintiff who had insufficient obstetrics expertise, failed to seek im-

mediate specialist obstetric advice

but instead permitted a five day delay before the plaintiff received specialist attention. Such specialist advice would not necessarily have recommended immediate admission to hospital, but that a delay of two days was permissible. However, as the haby had died inside that two-day peri-

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# Fishing vainly for English \* oddities

OPERA: In Cardiff, Peter Stein's new

WNO staging of Peter Grimes misses

the target, says Rodney Milnes

f Peter Grimes is one of the most English of all operas - even among the output of Britten, that most English of composers — then what outsiders bring to bear on it has to be interesong. Welsh National Op-era's new production is conducted by its Italian musical diere in pregnance rector, Carlo Rizzi, and produced by its most eminent guest, the German director Peter Stein. Of course it's good, but also in many ways curiousy unsatisfying.

Rizzi leads a high-octane, pretty relentlessly driven performance. The pluses are brilliant playing from the WNO Orchestra — the storm interlude makes the opening of Otello sound like a light show-er — and a barrage of well-disciplined sound from the famous chorus, though when both are going at full olt in the small and boxy New Theatre the sheer decibelage teeters on the pain threshold.

Possible minuses involve a lack of light and shade, of breadth, of lyricism and irony. If the chorus gallops cheerfully through "we live and let live", the fact that they mean precisely the opposite is less lain. You often feel the solosts, who sing very loudly a lot of the time, need more room to convey subtleties. In its vioence, momentum and panache, this Grimes is a bit like the Charge of the Light Brigade: magnificent, but . .

There is a similar lack of light and shade in Stein's direcoon. Grimes, like The Turn of or less anything you want it to be about (for another German, Joachim Herz, it was all about economic and social mobility). Does Grimes beat up his ap-prentices? It's not in the script, and many commentators insist that any abuse is in the minds of the community. But Stein's Grimes, John Daszak, burls his apprentice — a per-fectly heart-breaking perform-ance by young lain Goosey —. about the stage with violent abandon, leaving us m no doubt as to his propensities. Which I would shyly suggest, undermines much of the point of Britten's opera as opposed

to Crabbe's poem. Are Ellen Orford and Captin Balstrode Grimes's only friends or his worst enemies? Both characters remain curiously undefined, Ellen neither warmly maternal nor an interferring busybody, Balstrode — well, a cipber. What went on in all those weeks of rehearsal that Stein demands, and gets?

Class, that most English of conorns, is muddied. Boles is too dapper to be a Methodist. Carter Hobson, the town bully, is not an artisan, and leads the manhunt because he wants to, not because he's ordered to. The dope-fiend Mrs Sedley is a figure of fun, but the buffoon Swallow isn't. These quintessentially English creatures have eluded Stein.

There is light and shade in the stage pictures, mostly thanks to Heinrich Brunke's glorious lighting of costumes inspired by Frank Meadow



John Daszak (Peter Grimes) and Donald Maxwell (Balstrode) in the new WNO staging

bit boxy and, like the coslyricism in the hut scene and

tumes, reminiscent of Elijah Moshinsky's much sharper Covent Garden Grimes, is redeemed by an atmospherically bt backcloth and three beautifully made fishing boats. A garish strip-lighting frame should be dispersed with forthwith. After an uneasy start, Das-

address notes and words to the

each other or - with depress-

impressive body to his tone in the finale. Janice Watson's Ellen had abundant sweetness of tone but too few consonants Donald Maxwell (Balstrode). Anni Howard (Auntie). Peter Bronder (Boles), Peter Savidge (Keene), Alan Ewing (Hobson). were all very good, and would be even better were Rizzi to relax the pace just a little.

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Poor lessons in conversation This basic problem was com-You would have thought pounded by the Croatian directhat the gut-wrenching finale. tor, Kresimir Dolencic, Much where the nuns process to the energy had been expended on guillotine singing the Salve Re-gina. was foolproof. Not so: injeresting mime and unbelo-ful soundtrack effects; if only half as much energy had been expended on telling the stu-dents that their first task is to Dolencic had an "idea" of such appalling kitsch that I cannot bring myself to describe h in print. Oh, all right then: they

return one by one into bright

audience, not across stage to light grinning like apes. Few of the poor soloists emerged unscathed Shona Alien (Mother Marie) is already a confident performer and almost alone in the cast suggested that she cared about words. Edel O'Brien (Old Prioress) made much of what must be the most harrowing death scene in all opera - a remarkable achievement from one so young. Ksenia Eremina Jones had her moments as Blanche. Others might have fared better if they had been properly directed and more sympathetically accompanied. Honestly, students deserve better than

Guirnia.

RODNEY MILNES

### Sutcliffe's Whitby photo-graphs. Stefan Mayer's set, a zak sang the title role extremely expressively, with plangent the Screw, can be about more

be seen in the little opera house bravely and perhaps over-opomistically built - neither funding nor management has ever been secure - in Spitalfields Market. By the ome this appears, demolioon will have begun to make room for more retail outlets. If only it could have gone out with something more memorable than Trinity College Opera Group's frankly dreadful performance of Poulenc's opera. If that adjective sounds unduly harsh, it is because such thoughtless treatment of students arouses great anger is this tender old breast. As might have been fore-

seen, in so small a space Poulenc's large orchestra was a big problem, a problem hardly addressed. The conductor. Andrea Quinn, showed sympathy for the composer's idiom, but little for her student singers: the players let rip for most of the time - at one point Quinn could actually be seen urging the brass on — and the soloists were left mouthing

HOPE on the Waterfront is not the obvious place for a concert. But once you are in your seat. looking over the water with

the Royal Liver Buildings on one side

and the Tate on the other, it doesn't

seem so unlikely after all. And the bright, clear sound settles it.
One advantage of the new series of concerts presented by Psappha in associ-

ation with Hope University College is that Liverpool composers have an opportunity to be heard in their own city. On this occasion it was Robin Hartwell,

whose A Story Recounted for prerecorded tape and live percussion found a natural place in a programme with Stock-hausen's Kontakte as its main feature.

A Story Recounted, though not as am-

bitious in structure as Kontakte, is based on an ingenious two-part idea: the second part for percussion alone at-

tempts to recall the first part for tape

and percussion together and produces

something which is recognisably the

same but intriguingly different. It is unu-



wordlessly like goldfish. The piece is called Dialogues of the Carmelites, if you can only hear brief, disconnected snatches of those dialogues. you might as well go home.

ing frequency - upstage.

Cold comfort the dying Prioress, Mme de Croissy (Edel O'Brien, left) with Mother Marie (Shona Allen)

> Getting it taped

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sual in that it derives at least as much from the composer's ear as from his technical expertise. It requires the percus-

sionist — Tim Williams in this case — to apply his hearing no less sensitively in Kontake it is hard to escape the feeling that Stockhausen was not always ing by on the Albert Dock outside. hearing what he was scoring for piano and percussion in relation to his pre-

recorded tape. There were moments in this expert performance by Richard Ca-sey. Tim Williams and the sound projecoonist Matthew Fairclough when contacts between the different sound sources were perceptively made, just as there were others when they seemed to have nothing to say to each other. And there is nothing in Kontakte to match the wit in the exchanges between piano and tape in Jonathan Harvey's Tombeau de

Confronted with the extraordinary variety of sound Anthony Powers finds in a solitary clarinet in his SealAir, you might wonder if there is any need for electronic extension of natural sound at all. No tape manipulation could have produced a better diminuendo than Dov Goldberg at the end — and there would not have been the added poignancy of baving it walked over by footsteps pass-

GERALD LARNER

# Raise the volume and risk the fury

sk any sound engineer at the opera what he does, and the answer is likely to be "as fittle as possible". Acousoc intervention, otherwise known as amplification, is strictly taboo. Occasion-ally English National Opera will admit to "enhancing" dialogue for operetta. When amplification was overtly used in Weill's Mahagonny nobody was pleased, and the experiment has not been repeated.

When the Royal Opera staged Otello and La traviata at the Albert Hall, a few micro-phones were discreetly hidden in the wings. But the philoso-phy, according to Covent Gar-den's head of sound, Eric Pressley, was to "make every attempt to avoid amplification by finding a simple acoustic so-lution". His advice to colleagues is "sit on your hands". But at midnight last Saturday, seven pairs of hands set to work very busily indeed on a network of microphones and loudspeakers within the Albert Hall to prepare London for a Tosca the like of which it has never heard before.

Since big-spectacle opera first hit the arenas in the early 1980s, the impresario Raymond Gubbay has mounted six shows in collaboration with Autograph Sound Recording, a company now renowned for its sound-designing of big West End musicals but which, with delightful irony, was born 25 years ago from the impulses of two particularly long-sighted sound engineers from the Royal Opera House. They saw, and heard, the shape of things to come and, after a little practice in shows such as A Chorus Line, Evita and Cats, their company was ready and waiting when Gub-bay's La Bohème, Carmen and Modam Butterfly ap-

peared on the scene. Bobby Aitken was Autograph's sound designer for both Carmen and Butterfly - Opera buffs may cry 'foul', but Tosca is going electric at the

Albert Hall, says Hilary Finch



Bobby Aitken: 'making audible what is there'

and, pilloried by critics, alternately loved and hated by operagoers, he has survived the steep learning curve to arrive at Tosca. "It's not about creating a sound spectacular," he says. 'We're working intimately with the sound of each voice, and with that eternally problematic Albert Hall acoustic. All we have to do is to make audible what is there. And when Amanda Holden has made such a fine translation, it demands that you hear every word. My aim is that, no matter where you're sitting. you should be able to close your eyes and imagine where every singer is. The amphilied sound is an aural stimulus, to reinforce the visual facts."

Aitken's methods. To opera pros these are an abornina-don, but Aitken insists they are necessary. "If a singer moves more than ten degrees off-axis in the Albert Hall, you

have lost the sound."

And there's another prob-lem. "Sound travels very slowly. As soon as a performer moves 15 metres away from a loudspeaker, the sound from the speaker will arrive at the listener before it's been read on the lips. We're developing a whole new system for Tosca which involves delaying the output of the performers' radio mikes until it matches that

from any given area."
In David Freeman's new production, Tosca will be played in the round, and the singers are constantly on the move. Aitken is expe*rim*enong for the first ome with placing loudspeakers on the floor. "It's challenging, and a bit scary. Usually the principal system 'flown' - it operates in the air. But here, the main system will be on the floor. We'll be trying to cheat the sound im-

age back down again."

Aitken refuses to tamper with "equalising" the singers' individual voices - and is also all too aware that he has to please several thousand totally differently tuned pairs of ears in the audience. "All I want to do is maintain the credibility of a work which is essentially fragile, vulnerable, and on a human scale."

And not to underestimate Puccini. Tosca was so dramatically advanced from anything Puccini had done before that even his librettists doubted its theatrical viability. The open-ing chords were vibrant with revolutionary new harmonic devices. "And Raymond Gubbay," adds Aitken, "is determined that the audience shall know the overture has begun." Tosca opens at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) tomorrow

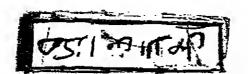
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Barbican goes African

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the Barbican's fine survey of the ways in which photography influenced the great man

# Picasso's life through a lens

the one who posed most willingly for the camera, allowing it to scrutinise him in every conceivable mood. As a result, Picasso's own photographic image is as recognisable as any of the artworks he produced

Until now, the full extent of his involvement with the camera has never been explored. But a large, engrossing survey at the Barbican Art Gallery rectifies the omission, revealing the complex, multi-faceted nature of Picasso's attitude to photography. He used it in different ways according to his protean needs. The camera never threatened to supersede his primary commitment to ture, but it did feed his art, not

least by helping him to assess the work evolving in his studio. By taking shots of paintings as they developed, he was able to evaluate their progress. These small, faded photo-

blurred or faultily dom compelling images in their own right. They do, however, provide fascinating evidence of

key paintings at an unfinished stage, and even of works he subsequently destroyed.

More exciting are the photographs Picasso took and used as the starting-point for paintings. By the time he had fin-ished with it, the original shot often underwent a startling transformation. In 1908 he photographed his mistress Fernande Olivier with a restless girl. Dolly van Dongen, on her lap. Behind them looms part of a titanic Cubist painting called Three Women, its power threatening to overwhelm the figures seated in front. But in a Mother and Child canvas executed the ly are metamorphosed into raw, ferociously simplified beings. Picasso reduces facial features to a brutal minimum. Fernande's hair looks like a blue hat perched on her pink scalp. As for the unsuspecting Dolly, she resembles a wildeyed carving daubed with thick almond eyes and slanting shadows scored harshly across her cheek.

In this instance, Picasso seems bent on stressing the difference between photographic fidelity and the painter's provocative freedom. By the time he trained his camera on the ancient Spanish hill-town of Horta de Ebro, however, the gap separating the two media had narrowed. Adopting a high vantage that enabled him to gaze down on a huddle of tiled roofs and bare walls, Picasso produced a photograph strikingly akin to his Cubist painting of the scene. Through his viewfinder, the houses' forms were already split into dramatically contrasted masses by the strong sunlight. The angle he chose flattened them

all 20th-century as well, emphasising their one might have imagined.

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in the other hand enlarged to a colosgrowing out of the body without an arm. It prophesies, in size and purity of outline, the gigantism of Picas

More often than not, Picasso delighted in taking liberties with the stiffness of people posing for the cam-

grouped rigidly around a pot-ted palm and other studio bric-a-brac, are all arrayed in their Sunday best in an anony mous 1903 photograph. While retaining some of their poses. Picasso transfers them to the informality of a picnic on the grass. The outcome is bizarre for the figures are caught disconcertingly between politeness and relaxation as they encircle food, wine and even a dead rabbit stretched out on the white sheet.

for Les Demoiselles d'Avignon, the revolutionary painting that kick-started the entire Cubist movement. Art historians have noted that the brusque distortions of the women on the right reveal Picasso's awareness of African carving. But nobody paid attention to some arresting photographs of African tribal life in his own collection. Taken by Edmond Foroer in 1906, only a year before Les Demoiselles was painted, these postcardsize images stress the sculptural presence of African girls and women. Standing or sitting in their villages, they usually look grave and expose ample breasts with an instinctive, statuesque stillness. Most of the prints show single figures. and the Barbican survey displays a variety of studies that with their stimulus in mind. But one in particular, a pho-tograph called Types of Wom-

en, shows no fewer than nine West African women in a ground carefully holding bowls of grain, while the oth-

structure as a sequence of austere, interrelated lines and planes. So the relationship between the photograph and Houses on the Hill, a classic early Cubist painting of Horta executed in summer 1909. turns out to be closer than any-Still more engrossing is Pi graphs taken by others. Some

times he remained surprising ly faithful to his source: a little studio shot of Fregoli in the role of Paganini, taken around 1900, is used five years later as the basis of a spidery pencil sketch of the virtuoso violinist. Picasso stresses essential contours, heightening the athletic flourish of the player's outflung hand clasping the bow. The only dramatic licence he

allows himself lies so's Neo-Classical

■ he show's great revelation, however, cen-

vessels on their heads or shoulders may well have inspired the angular, raised arms of the two central figures in Les Demoiselles. It would be easy to exaggerate the connections between Types of Women and Picasso's masterpiece. A whole variety of stimuli, ranging from El Greco to Ingres, lies behind Les Demoiselles, and its stridency is far more alarming than anything in Fortier's photograph. From now on, though, nobody will be able to discuss Picasso's belligerent canvas without taking his well-hidden cache of African postcards into full account. though, Cubism had earned enormous admiration within Picasso's circle. He pho tographed the dealer

Daniel-Henry Kahnweiler, dressed in a stiff white collar, gazing at paintings. The image of this well-groomed, fastidious man undoubtedly helped Picasso to paint a great Cubist portrait of him in 1910, fragmenting his features into an intri-cate, almost tessellated structure where different viewpoints are brought into synthesis. Increasingly. Picasso also liked photographing himself among Cubist works-in-progress. During the First stranded in Paris, he posed for

Age: 21.

at LAMDA.

Profession: Actor.

That name? His parents came

from Nigeria, but he was brought up in South London

and attended Dulwich Col-

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Big breaks: Playing Othello

for the National Youth Thea-

tre, being spotted and landing

the role of the interpreter in

Spielberg's film about slavery.

Amistod, while in his first year

Howwas Hollywood? "It was

a difficult adjustment to make

A screen future? "I'd like to

continue as I am. doing both

film and theatre. They are

very different disciplines. You

at 19, but I relaxed into it."

as a bourgeois businessman in one photograph, cutting a coners stand with awesome dignity behind. The monochrome colletype print brings out their ventional figure frankly at carved quality, and the women with arms lifted to support

odds with the extreme, nearabstract canvases behind him. Then he poses in a multicol-oured, loose-fitting suit, with trousers slightly rolled up as if preparing to wade through a sea of paint. Soon afterwards, he strips, shedding jacket and trousers for one photograph and then posing only in his underpants. Legs wide apart and torso fully expanded, he stares like a prizefighter at a camera

The viewpoint makes Picasso look taller, emphasising his defiant machismo. . The older he grew, the more

now placed very low down.

irrepressible his high spirits became. Picasso enjoyed him-self hugely with fashion shots culled from Vogue magazine. sketching horny satyrs in ink who ogle and probe the models posed so coyly beside them. The exhibition ends on a euphoric note, with photographs of the elderly Picasso reaching out to embrace his old friend,

er scribbled on the prints with coloured crayons, turning both men into bacchie, grimacing roisterers. They sum up the energy and flair that gave Picasso's long career its sustained sense of openness. showing how he used the camera as one weapon among many in his ceaseless campaign against blinkered ways

Manuel Pallares. The artist lat-

 Picasso and Photography at the Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street. EC2 (0171-382 7105) until Mar 28.

born in London in 1871 to a

family of rich German coffee

merchants and was passion-

ate about painting from an early age, against her family's wishes. In her early thirties she broke free and studied in

Paris. In England during the

war she became friendly with

Frances Hodgkins. But in the

Twenties she was back in

France, moving in avant-garde circles, which explains most of her later style, as seen

It is really more of a discov-

ery show, since most of Kean's

work was never seen in public. It looks completely French,

poised between representation

and abstraction, boldly formal-

ised, brightly coloured, some-

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for anyone to take notice.

in this rediscovery show.

### finds its voices for African music with both the Drummers of Bu-

rundi and the Griot Groove tour wending their way around Britain's concert halls. Then, next month, Miriam Makeba plays here for the first time in several years. We are starved of top-class African performers for months, and then a convoy turns up. At the Barbican, Griot Groove brought together three

performers from West Africa's Mandinka tradition — the two divas Kandia Kouyate from Mali and Oumou Dioubate from Guinea and her fellow Guinean, the golden-voiced Sekouba Bambino. All three have splendidly contrasting alburns out on Sterns, Britain's top importer of African music, and between them they prove how misleading it is to talk ge-nerically about African music.

The diversity between the two women, for example, was at least as wide as that between, say, Joni Mitchell and Tina Turner. Kouyate proved to be by far the most traditional in style. A jali (a member of a caste of professional musi-cians whose tradition is handed down the generations), her transcendental contraito was accompanied by traditional instruments such as the ngoni (a kind of lute), the kora and bala-fon (a wooden xylophone) and an ethereal female chorus. At home in Mali she is known as La dangereuse because her hypnotic singing can make

**West Africa** 

men drunk on her voice. It was easy to see why She was followed by Dioubate, an exotically beautiful woman with a more up-tempo dance approach and a series of earned her the name la femme chio-choc (shocking woman). She used her rippling rhythms and powerful voice not just to move our feet but to rail against the injustices heaped upon women in many African societies.

But it was Sekouba Bambino who showed how the rich heritage of ancient tribal cus-tom and the excitement of modern dance grooves can be fused to create something that is both rooted in tradition and dynamic and original. He used an electric guitar alongside the ngoni, keyboards with the kora and a saxophone riffing away on top of the balaion to create a succession of pulsating world beats that soon had the entire audience dancing -without harassment as the Barbican thankfully appears to have finally relaxed its ludicrous no-dancing policy.

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The exuberant Picasso and Manuel Pallares - just one example of how he used the camera as a weapon in his ceaseless campaign against blinkered ways of seeing

### AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

THERE is a curious idea around that a location has to he exceptional in order to deserve the attentions of a landscape artist. But what, then, are we to make of a painter like Christopher Brambam, whose new show is nearly all taken up with landscape, but always recording scenes of the utmost ordinariness?

Most of the bigger pictures are of suburban back gardens

— presumably what he sees out of his studio window in Richmond - while the smaller are mostly to do with tumbledown outhouses and corners of bleak fields. His attitude is possibly rather like that of Thurber, who, when asked why all his women were so unattractive, replied: "They are

attractive to my men." Bramham's idea of what constitutes an attractive scene may not initially coincide with ours, but by the sheer force of full-length self-portraits in front of a camera equipped his fascination he manages to win us round. Also, these are with an "automatic shutter" dedefinitely works of art rather vice. All taken in his Rue Schthan grim records. The colour oelcher studio, they offer in-sights into his differing harmonies are subtle, the compositions finely balanced. Submoods. He dresses as correctly urbia has not been so transfig-

fool a live audience."

where there is poverty."

of the innocence of their love."

Classical ambition: "Last year

I toured the country for three

months as Malcolm in Mac-

beth with Pete Postlethwaite as Macheth. Now I'm longing

to play the part myself."

**GREAT BRITISH HOPES** 

CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

ured since Lucian Freud gave up painting in Paddington. Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, WI (0171-629 5161). until Feb 27

☐ Thomas Joshua Cooper is a landscape artist of another kind. For one thing he is a photographer rather than a painter; for another, though he lives in Britain, he is a 52-year-old Californian and member of the Cherokee nation.

For years he has been fasci-nated by rivers, their contents and surroundings. Not for him the sweeping panorama: his god is definitely in the detail. His vision is Pre-Raphaelite, his technique of painting his print surface with selenium harks back to 19th-century photography. Virtually all his pictures are so dark that they need close attention to unravel their mysteries. But for those willing to make the effort, his work offers unique rewards. Michael Hue-Williams, 21 Cork Street, WI (0171-434 1318). until March 5

PRIVATE means can be a problem. Cissie Kean was

Rising stars in the arts firmament start to rely on tricks if you are in film too long. It's harder to

Present stage: He opens to-morrow in Splash Hatch on the E Going Down, a play in the Donmar's American season. "I play the 18-year-old husband of the daughter of a Harlem family, ft's about how the environment - the lead, asbestos, pollution - is even worse Modern satisfaction: "I'm really enjoying this play. It's emotional, energised, because

to 23 who all grow up in Greenwich. They all have problems, mental and physical. I'm the rock, supportive when things happen to other characters." Is directing an option? "I directed at school. So perhaps, but I want to get this right





In the pipeline: A film, Greenwich Mean Time, is due to be released in September. "It's about four characters aged 16

HEATHER NEILL



Purcell at the Wigmore

# THEATRE: Daniel Rosenthal talks to the rolling stone who is spreading the word of the Caveman On love's long rocky road

n July 17, 1996, West 44th Street, in the heart of New York's theatre district, was renamed Cavernan Way. Rudolph Giuliani, the city's Mayor, thad approved the temporary change and designated that Wednesday "Caveman Day" to honour the Californian comedian Rob Becker, whose Defending the Caveman had just become the longest-running solo play in Broadway history.

For 400 performances, Becker had mused on the various ways in which sexual roles defined in Neanderthal times - "Men hunt, women gather" - now contribute to niggling malefemale misunderstandings in kitchen, bedroom or shopping mall. Six months after breaking the record, the 42-year-old left Broadway, hit the road and has since broken the 2,000-performance barrier. From tonight. West End audiences have a chance to judge Caveman for themselves, with the Australian comic Mark Little standing up for all things male, while Becker continues a seemingly interminable American tour.

I think it's going to be a big smash in London," says Becker, speaking from Detroit. "Lots of British people saw the show in New York and told me how much they enjoyed it." Becker's vision of heterosexual rela-

nonships might be subtitled Men Behaving Mildly. In Caveman, a bloke's greatest crime is to leave a wet towel on the bed. Men adore televi-

THE domestic interior has

come a long way since the days of the kitchen sink. This

trilogy of new plays at the

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starting point the classic fami-

ly unit within that interior,

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conflicts down the generations

within a contemporary set-ting. Riccardo Galgani's Acts.

the longest and most satisfy-

ing work on show, sees prodi-

gal son Pat returning home af-

ter he went out for a pint of

milk 12 years earlier. As his

all-but-housebound parents

Jack and Marie swap niceties.

struggling to find a point of

connection, a deep, unspoken

hurt becomes apparent in

them all. Marie's flashes of an-

ger allude to a lingering resent-

ment, while Jack's absent-

sion, DIY and fishing, abhor house work and struggle to express their emodons. Women adore shopping and gossip and like to be told they look pretty.

The temptation to tag Becker "the John Gray of the stage" is strong even before you notice that the London publicity carries an endorsement from the author of Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus: "should be seen by anyone who wants to understand the opposite sex." Becker, however, had staked his claim to this lucrative turf 18 months before Gray's book was published. As a newlywed, he had found that laughter was the best way to defuse tension when frustrated by funda-mental differences with his wife. Erin. Add in a determination to defend his sex from female party guests who told him "all men are assholes", and his Caveman philosophy was born. He opened in a small San Francisco venue in 1991, began to sell out. then moved steadily eastwards, collecting mixed reviews and "house full" signs wherever he went. When he hit Broadway in 1995, lukewarm notices again did nothing to stem the crowds. Word-of-mouth turned an un-

known into a phenomenon. "I think a big factor in the show's success is that at base Caveman is a love story between myself and my wife - and with Mark Little the resonance will come from his relationship with his wife," says Becker. "All

Three of an unkind

minded wanderings come out

of a desperation to break free

of the monotony of life in-

Of the other two plays, Lin-da McLean's One Good Beat-

ing sees a brother and sister

locking their bullying father in

the coal shed after their moth-

er's death. Again, all that is re-

ally desired is some kind of

bonding, and the ties that bind

the three prevent the father

from getting the kicking he

poet Iain Crichton Smith's fi-

nal work, The Visitor, which

The evening closes with the

may or may not deserve.



Stone me Mark Little, who will be presenting Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman in the West End

the differences between men and women are used within the conventions of a romantic comedy. I keep the sexes at odds until the end, when there's a reconciliation "

Caveman's emphasis on the need for couples to acknowledge their differences has turned America's marriage guidance counsellors into some of Becker's biggest fans and he even performed at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. "I've got dozens of letters from couples saying,

sees a retired schoolteacher re-

ceiving a visit from an oily ad-

man who speaks in rhyme and

may have been a former pupil

who suffered at the hands of

the teacher's Aryan son. The

most elliptical of the plays, it

suggests obliquely that the pre-

dominance of vulgarian sound-

bite culture is a direct product

of fascist thought.
On Neil Warmington's

wide-open set, directors

Yvonne Mcdevitt and Philip

Howard draw beautiful per-

formances from the lour ac-

tors involved. Liam Brennan

proves versatile in all three

plays, but it is Russell Hunt-

er's and Una McLean's heart-

breaking Jack and Marie in

Acts that stick in the memory.

RICHARD BEAN'S enjoyable new piece is in the tradition of

The Changing Room, The Contractor and Life Class, plays that established David

Storey as the Royal Court's

house-dramatist with their ul-

tra-realistic yet suggestive por-trayals of the miniworlds of (re-

spectively) rugby, tent erection and, well, life-classes. When

two men reel black-faced into

the grotty canteen where the

action or inaction occurs, you

really believe they have just

come from a scorching foray

into a dangerously bunged-up

Six members of Richard Wil-

son's cast absolutely convince

Hull bakery in 1975. The sev-

enth, a tweedy, fortyish cove played by Christopher Camp-

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The son of an accountant, he grew up in San Jose, "about as far from showbiz as you can get", and is still occasionally "startled awake" by the success of the show. He need only have cleared \$500 from each American performance to have become a millionaire, although his lifestyle re-mains "pure" middle-class. "We live in Ross, a small town just north of San Francisco, in a nice family house with a big backyard for our three young kids to play in." At about 100 minutes a show. Becker has now spent the equivalent of five months of his life delivering "ever noticed how ...?" observational cornedy about adult behaviour - and reckons he is good for another couple of years on the road. His attention is, however, turning towards a sequel addressing the joys of parenthood. In Becker's evolutionary cycle, Caveman will evenmally become CaveDad.

Defending the Cavernan opens tonight at the Apollo Theatre, W1 (0171-494 5070)

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it. All I will reveal is that at one moment he declares himself an Angel of Death; and, no, he isn't that either.

Despite his surreal claims. the play remains in near-docuyou that they are mixers, oven mentary mode and, if it has men and "tinner-ups" in a any plot, finds it in the accident with the oven. Has this been engineered by a worker whose technical title is (yes, really) Spare Wank to hasten the closure of an obsolete bread factory and help him to a better job in its thriving counter-

part in Bradford? Again, 111 say only that the route to this question is packed with deft. Storey-style observation. Gently, unpretentiously, Bean and a fine cast build up their profiles: Ewan Hooper as tacitum old Walter, unhappy at home and slipping at work; Paul Wyett as the goofy former trawler-man Dezzie: Matthew Dunster as aggressive yet decent Peter, Mark Williams as Blakey, the morose chargehand with the dodgy past: Sam Kelly as the upbeat Cecil.

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EARLY MUSIC: Returns only for this find concert by the popular king's Concert in a sense of music written by Purcel for the Chapte Royal during his reigns of Charles II, James II and Wilsem and May, Robert King directs has penod band Wilsem calasts Susan Hamilton, James Bowman, James Gabriet and Robert Evens Wigmore Hatt (0171-935 2141). Tongit, 7:30pm (g)

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**ELSEWHERE** 

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Chric Theatre (01325 486555).

7.30pm. (6)

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Mikhail Pletnev gives a rare recital in Manchester

solected an appealing programme of Chopin, Gneg and Schumann. Bridgewater Half (0181-907 9000). Tonight, 8pm. (2) Tongrit, epm. (g)

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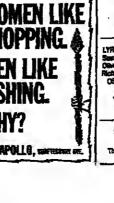
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# Coltart pipes in the new generation

FROM JOHN GREEN IN DOHA

Masters title about to get under way here, Andrew Coltart was in confident mood yesterday and ready to blow the trumpet for a new generation of Ryder Cup players. The Scot, 28, pronounced Europe's contest with the United States in September as his main objective for the year and gave warning of the siern challenge ahead for the faltering old guard.

The travails of many of Europe's household names have led to speculation that the time is right for change and Cohart was not about to argue after his final practice round. "A lot of guys will play who haven'i played before," he said, "All of a sudden Faldo won't be there. nor will Langer, Woosnam, Seve-... these guys, whether you like it or not are getting on a bit.

"Everyhody out here is trying as hard as they can to get into the Ryder Cup team. It's a goal that you always have to have in the back of your mind. Your immediate goal is to play as well as you can, try and !mock a couple of tournaments off and, if you can be successful with that hopefully the Ryder Cup will take care of itself."

Nick Faldo's late withdrawal from the European Tour event, which begins here today, was a surprise to many, especially after his dismal showing at the Dubai Descri Classic last week, when he failed to make the cut. His admissinn into the Andersen Consulting World Maich Play Championship in California gives him a golden apportunity to pick up points, but the thought of facing Tiger Woods



Coltart confident

WITH the delence of his Qatar in the first round is unlikely to give a shot in the arm to his already dwindling confidence.

Patrik Sjoland, of Sweden, said yesterday that he believed as many as seven or eight newcomers may make the Ryder Cup team and Coltart thinks that such an outcome would be beneficial. "It's going to be said that the team is too inexperienced, but how do you gain experience without first being

thrown in at the deep end?" he said. Mark James, the Ryder Cup captain, admitted here yesterday that apart from a few familiar names, the final 12 golfers who will fly to Boston are impossible to predict. "I know certain faces are going to be there. I'd put money on them. Monty, Westwood, Clarke, Bjorn will be there, but apart from them. no one is certain. It's up for grabs,"

James, who has ruled himself out of contention after a poor start to last year, had no problem with the idea of pushing previously untried players into the spotlight. "The household names are still good players but, having said that, there's lots of young talent out there and they are very good players, and very fit," he said. Coltart feels that his form is

returning after finishing a disap-pointing joint 41st in Dubai. "The fairways here are immaculate, the greens are fantastic and the tees are great." he said. "Maybe I should have hit a bunker shot today, but I didn't hit any bunkers. Last week was furny - I played terrible tee to green on the first two rounds, but chipped and putted fantastically well. Then I putted poorly while my game came back."

After a few days of heavy rain here last week the course is in fine shape and, with temperatures in the mid-20s, a moderate breeze is the only element that could spoil perfect conditions. Woosnam, David Howell, Mark Roe and Justin Rose provide further British interest in the event, which is expected to receive strong support from Qatar's large expatriate

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# Spiriting away the joy of playing

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Weekend View

reaking the law is a very small matter, a venial sin. Breaking a gentleman's agreement is a helnous crime, a mortal sin. That is the ethico-philosophical stance of the Football Association which was made plaio in the extraordinary aftermath of the Kanu Affair,

Football has a gentleman's agree-ment under which a ball is politely kicked out of play when a player is injured, and at the restart politely returned to the side that surrendered it. But Arsenal scored a goal by flouting this convention. Afterwards, Arsène Wenger, the

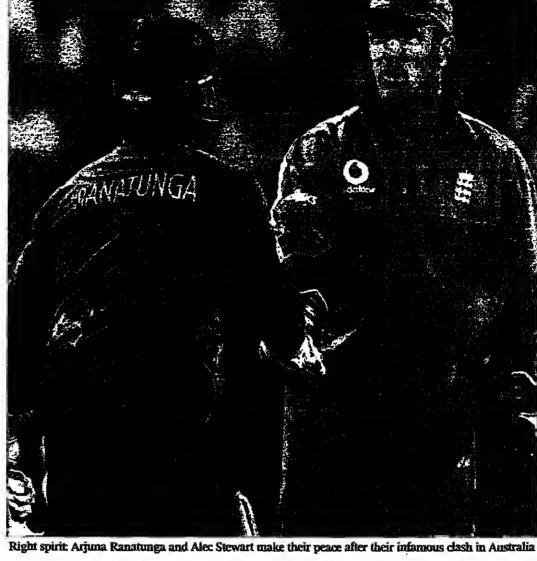
Arsenal manager, said that the match should be replayed.

Astonishingly, the FA at once agreed. You don't get a replay if you are the victim of cheating. But if it is a continuous account. if it is a gentleman's agreement that is another matter entirely. The FA is in the position of the gentleman about town — I pay my gam-bling debts at once, but my tailor can wait two years. Honour takes precedence over law.

Oddly enough, cricket is trying to bring honour and law together. A seven-point preamble to the new edition of the Laws, which will be published next year, is entitled The Spirit of Cricket", and I read that "it will not itself be one of the laws, but will carry the force of law". Which doesn't seem to me to eradicate all confusion. In fact. 1 don't understand it. Perhaps cricket is not about deciding which is the better team, but a way of gathering air miles to heaven.

You must not, for example "seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persist-ent handdapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusi-asm or motivation of one's own side". At a stroke, all of cricket

As a wicketkeeper, my best asset was my ability to suck air through beard 15 yards away. I used the technique to express my amazement that so excellent a ball some-



how failed to find an edge or scrape a stump. No point in being amazed if the batsman can't hear you. But teeth-sucking must now

"Bowled, Fish, bowled!" Slapping the gauntlets together like a woman beating a carpet, I wanted the batsman to feel that he was caught between an untarned force of nature at one end and a hostile human presence at the other. Nothends, we did so on tiptoe. Teehee. But all these joco-serious exchanges, part of the warp and woof of cricket, are now against the law. So is the pastime of appealing for the simple joy if it. You don't expect or even want the batsman to be given out. It's just a nice din to make on a sunny afternoon, and nice to rub in the fact that the hatsman has been beaten. And that, too, is now illegal. It is part of every game, but

### 'Perhaps cricket is merely a way of gathering air miles to heaven'

ing pasty, but it is a fact that encouraging the bowler is by definition a form of discouraging the

I remember a batsman once asking for dead silence when he was batting, please, "Shhh! Shhh!" we said before the bowler began his run-up. Every time. And then when slips and bowlers changed not, apparently, part of the spirit of cricket, what they call "the spirit of fair play".

The spirit of cricket exists, but, like the spirit of football or the spirit of anything, it is elusive of definiwords assumes that the spirit can be separated from the body, that it exists, as it were, platonically. But the spirit of any game only exists as a living thing, as part of the comings and goings of the game. A few years ago, the convention of footballers kicking the ball into touch didn't exist. It has grown up, and it is a pleasant thing, like the handshakes when hostilities have ceased. They are courtesies that demonstrate that the encounter between the players is not a serious matter. Serious, I mean, as in life and death. Perhaps the spirit of sport lies in

the recognition that, at bottom, it is not war. As stakes rise, so games become more important. But if they lose every aspect of play, they become a war without weapons, an insupportable absurdity,

The small courtesies demon-

strate that sport is essentially frivolous and that understanding is a key to much of sport's pleasure.

Sport is pleasurable because in doesn't matter. The spirit of fair matters is the spirit of play. Sport is not a matter of life and death; it is merely a matter of life.

### SNOOKER

## O'Sullivan granted free ride by Birch

BY PHIL YATES

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, the holder, enjoyed a free passage into the second round of the Scottish Open in Aberdeen yesterday when his scheduled opponent, Jon Birch, of Middlesbrough, missed his flight to the granite city.

Birch, who supplements his modest income from snooker as a fitted kitchen salesman, failed in his attempts to charter a helicopter at Newcastle airport and, with insufficient time to drive to the event, had no option but to withdraw. He will hope that he has less trouble fulfilling his next engagement. After surprisingly overcoming Jimmy White in the final qualifying round of the China International, he must travel to Shanghai next month.

O'Sullivan advances to meet Paul Hunter in the last 32, but three members of the elite top 16 in the world rankings, including Steve Davis, were eliminated. Many knowledgeable observers could not remember the six-time world champion playing so poorty as he did during his 5-1 defeat by Darren

Neither could Davis. "It wasn't a bad day at the office, it was much worse than that," he said. "I didn't do anything properly."Though dis-couraging for Davis, the outcome vindicated Clarke's decision to battle on through physiotherapy after suffering whiplash injuries in a car accident on the M1 in 1997.

Ken Doherty, the world No 4. survived an awkward opener against Joe Swail, from Northern Ireland, winning 5-2 and then calling for a rethink of the snooker calendar to prevent burnout of the

top players.

Doherty, who lost to John Higgins in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley on Sunday, could be in action every day until Sunday if he reaches another final, said: "The season should be spaced out. We should have ten ranking tournaments with players able to choose any eight. At the moment they all come one after the other. It has really only affected me this week, but I imagine it takes a toll on players like Mark Williams and John Higgins, who have been more consistent."

Alain Robidoux, the world No 14, was beaten 5-2 by Drew Henry, but Mark King, the No 16 seed, who deroute to the quarter-finals of the Masters last week, lost 5-2 to Quinten Hann, of Australia.

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Going into Board 62 of the 64-board match in the 1998 Gold

Cup semi-final between Cohen and Price, Cohen was behind by 18 IMPs. They got 11 back on this sharp defence from Sandkvist and Cohen. Dealer South Love all

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Sandkvist's opening lead of the king of clubs was allowed to hold. He switched to the seven of hearts, which declarer won with the ace to lead the queen of spades from dummy. East covered,

a low spade towards the Sandkvist went in with the jack and continued with the ten of hearts. When Cohen won with the king he could tell declarer would not have another heart. If declarer had had three hearts he could not afford the line of play he had followed - he

declarer took the ace and led

would have ducked a heart and attempted to take a heart ruff. So Cohen found the killing switch - a diamond, giving West a ruff for At the other table Irving

Gordon as North bid Three

Hearts after the auction had started One Spade - Two Diamonds - Two Spades. Then when Boris Schapiro rebid Three No-Trumps he removed to Four Spades. That made Wright (sitting West) think North had a three-suited hand short in clubs, so he led a trump, solving all declarer's problems; he made eleven tricks. In the other semi-final.

both North-South pairs made Four Spades. ☐ From 27 February for a week I will be enjoying the sunnier climate of the island of Malta for their annual Festival of Bridge. Anyone interested in joining me should contact Sally Brock

on 01494 450620. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

EXERCITOR

a. A type of gladiator b. A Roman trainer c. A marine businessman

DIMARIS a. A syllogism b. A peninsula

c. An edible bivalve

b. Contempt

EXSPUTTION a. Extreme haste c. Spitting out

DELIBATE a. A confirmed bachelor b. To taste

c. To pour a libation Answers on page 42



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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fifty years ago

Of the various events in 1949, one of the most prominent was the international tournament in Venice. It featured one of the better performances of Harry Golombek, who had served as a code-breaker at Station X, Bletchley Park, during World War fl and went on to become a long serving chess correspondent for The Times. In 1985, Golombek was awarded the grandmaster title hon-

oris causa. In the following game Golombek beats off a ferocious sacrificial attack from his opponent, the dangerous Franco-Polish grandmaster

White: Savielly Tartakower Black: Harry Golombek Venice 1949 Slav Defence

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### WINNING MOVE

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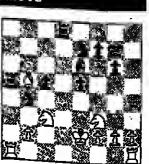
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Black to play. This position is from the game Adu-Laouini. Cairo 1998

How did Black exploit the superior activity of his forces in fine style?

Solution on page 42



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### Robert Wright finds the champion jockey riding to form in Hong Kong

# Fallon's star shines brightly in the East

fter winning his second successive jockeys title, Kieren Fallon could have been forgiven for joining the traditional Newmarket winter migration to the West Indies. Some hope.

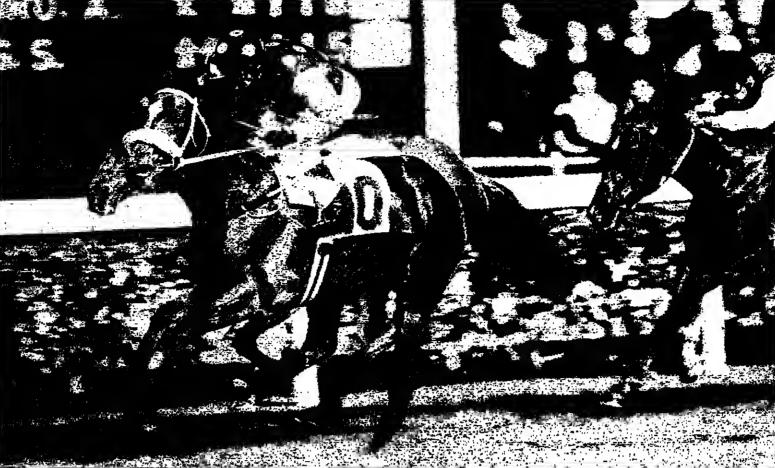
Coming to the end of a successful three-month stint in Hong Kong, Fallon's appetite for winners seems as insadable as ever. Worst still for his rivals, he believes that he will return better than ever.

Fallon has long been recognised as a jockey of rare strength in a finish. With most races at Hong Kong's two tracks - Sha Tin and Happy Valley - comprising sprint handicaps around a sharp bend, he has had to adapt to the frantic tempo.

With the tracks being so tight, you really have to watch out." he said. "There are some good jockeys out here, but there are plenty of bad ones, too - particularly some of the apprentices. I think I will be sharper than ever when I get

Fallon has broken the 200-winner barrier in both of his championship years, and anyone hoping to usurp his position will have an uphill bat-tle if he hits his targets. 'My main aim is to become the first jockey to ride more than 200 winners for three years in a row. Barring injury and suspensions.I think I have a great

Further bad news for pretenders to his title is that Fallon believes that Henry Cecil, his main employer, has "the strongest team since I've been there." With Ian Balding having secured second claim on his services, the outlook has never been brighter for him. The Irishman has certainly gambling-mad Chinese since



Fallon swoops on the outside to claim another winner at Happy Valley and continue his winning ways in Hong Kong this winter

his arrival in the former British colony. A total of 16 winners may not sound too exciting, but with an average of just two meetings a week, he has rarely left the track-emptyhanded. Given the competitive nature of the racing, his strike rate - at around one in seven the best in the jockeys' table makes impressive reading.

Both tracks in Hong Kong are tight and right-handed but Happy Valley, surrounded by high rise blocks and neon lights, is Fallon's favourite. The atmosphere is just electric," he said. "It's like Chester, but under floodlights and with

much bigger crowds."
The lack of racing every day has given Fallon the chance to

relax more than usual. Not that that is high on his list of priorities. He has been unable to resist the lure of regular trips to India, most recently last weekend when he played a starring role for a visiting team of riders in a match sgainst the locals.

Racing in Hong Kong is as close to perfection as it can be

for a jockey (or owner, trainer and punter, for that matter). Average prize-money per race HK\$755,000 £60,000) is the highest in the world. The lowest grade of races carry prize-money of HK\$419,000. The financial situation is bolstered by a maxi-mum income tax rate of 15 per

Fallon is understandably delighted to have received his invitation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC). "You are looked after brilliantly - I am living just over the road from Sha Tin. There are no expenses. The accommodation is provided and the owners love to take you out. With the tax rate being so low, you could soon make yourself financially se-

cure out here."

The reasons for this appar ent eulopia are simple. One, racing provides the only legal form of gambling. Two, there are no bookmakers syphoning off large profits.
The HKIC recently pro-

duced its annual report for 1998, and the figures are mindboggling; betting turnover of HK\$91,413 million (£7,319 million), from just 75 meetings, generated HK\$12,069 million in tax revenue for the Government. Even with such a large slice being taken, punters re-ceive 81.4 per cent of their money back and there is plenty left

for the racing industry.

Betting turnover is of paramount importance. The HKJC is acutely aware of which type of race punters wish to bel on. Large fields of maidens are not the order of the day most races are competitive

The average prize-money won by a horse in training last season was HK\$360,000. The British Horseracing Board, in its eternal struggle to take more crumbs from the bookmakers' table, can only dream of such riches.

Fallon, not surprisingly, would "very much" like to be invited again next year. He leaves after racing on February 27, before broadening his horizons soll further when compeong for Europe against the United States in California on March 15.

There is no danger of him being ring-rusty for the start of the new turf Flat season at Doncaster on March 25. It would take a brave man to bet against him retaining his title.

Sedgefield pile-up, page 1

### **Tote lines** up £2m sponsor package

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Tote is contribudne a record £2 million to race sponsorship over the next 12 months — almost a 50 per cent increase on the previous year. More than 200 races will be supported by the pool betting organisation, compared to 110 in 1998-9, and all of Britain's 59 racecourses wil benefit

from the largesse. The biggest increase in sponsorship will see the Tote taking on the Showcase race programme, previously supported by the company along-side the other big bookmakers. The plan to create a feature betting race every day was launched at the start of last year's Flai season and has proved increasingly popular.

Peter Jones, the Tote chairman, said: "The idea was to give one race a day a good boost, to lift it out of the ordinary and give the betting public something to excite them on a daily basis. The concept has worked well and is improving all the time.

"The other bookmakers were generous in their sup-port up und now, but that financial backing was never open-ended. In order for Showcase to develop, it has been necessary for us to pledge our backing for what we believe is a real winner."

The highlights of the Tote sponsorship programme include the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the International Handicap at Ascot,the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire, the Ebor, the Chester Cup and the Silver Bowl at Haydock, which is being doubled in val-

### THUNDERER 2.00 Running Man. 3,30 The Minder 4.00 Edan Heights

4.30 Titus Andronicus

3.00 Salmon Breeze Timekeeper's top rating: 4.00 TAKEAMEMO. Carl Evans: 4.30 Titus Andronicus.

GOING: CHASES: GOOD TO SOFT; HURDLES: SOFT

2.00 BURMARSH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,854: 2m 11 110yd) (14 runners)

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2.30 NEWCHURCH MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,894: 2m of 110yd) (16 runners) 

SETTING: T-2 Conditions, 4-1 Johnston's Art. 9-2 The Hitl Has Moved, 6-1 Misely Related, 10-1 Longstone Lad. Shah. 14-1 Smalley Rabat, 16-1 offers.

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3.00 NYCHURCH NOVICES CHASE (£4,143: 2m 5f) (11 numbers) BETTOKS: 1-4 Salmon Breeze, 5-1 Mentroe, 8-1 Harding, Kentish Baid, 10-1 Tale My Side, 12-1 Rigerus, Aloues, Royal Raser, 20-1 offers.

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3.30 BILSINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,953: 2m 4f 110yd) (17 runners)

Long handicap: Yai Alfaraj 9-13, Surprise Gunner 9-10, Greenside Chal 9-2, Night Thyrne 9-2.

promo troptodyte, 12-1 others.

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The salamnice remains heart foreboot (2m 6 110yd, heavy).

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4.00 THREE COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,245: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

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3 223 EDAN HEIGHTS 72 (Comflower Partnership) T Casey 7-11-1 W Marshim 100
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5 -P45PO SHEPHEROS REST 20 (5) (Old Dozen) S McRof 7-10-10 C Webb 84
4 4/122- RODERICK HUDSOM 15F (6) 0Mrs M Liston J R Poutlon 7-10-0 R Belliumy 91
7 2P65-3 HOT 'N SAUCY 138 (Ruty Red Partnership) J luck 7:10-2 R Belliumy 91

BETTING: 5-2 Taleameno, 3-1 Shooft, 7-2 Estan Heighto, 6-1 Hol in Saucy, 13-2 Roderick Horison, 14-1 Tetano, 16-1 Shopheuts Pest. 16-1-Shepherds Rest.

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marks handscap burdle at Plempton (2m 4f, good).

EDAN HEIGHTS, placed in each of his thron hurdle starts, appears faidy weighted on his handicap bow

4.30 R. E. SASSOON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (£1,075: 3m 2f) (6 runners)

BETTING: 13-6 Titus Andronicus, 4-1 Mr Invades, Springform Rath, 9-2 Sheer Ability, 6-1 Charmer's Well, 25-1 Charden.

JAPR Invader 13 2xd of 13 to Nova Clamp in handicap chase at Herefold (3m if 110yd, good), previously best Fest Theoghts 3i in 8-namer handicap chase at overcise for the process at Window (3m, good). Chardien pointed on in handicap chase at 10xd, good in lam). Charmer's Well 24 lift of 15 to Tompeto to handicap burdle at Nempton (3m 110yd, soil), previously bearen a distance 3rd of 0 to Visionan in handicap burdle at Window (2m 3, good). Simer Ability puried up to hunter-chase at Hussington (3m, good to 10x), as of 10 to Nisonan in handicap burdle at Window (2m 3, good). Simer Ability puried up to hunter-chase at Hussington (3m, good to 5xd); previously 13 3rd of 8 nd Roscien Bridge in hunter chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, soil). Thus Andronacus 211 4th of 7 to Jen Valendrie in handicap chase at Towcaster (3m 11, good to firm). SHEER ABILITY, a one-time useful handicap chaser, is worth this chance to show he is no back number

5.00 LEVY BOARD INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,420: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

BETTMES, 4-5 Dromducae, 6-1 Styr. 7-1 Letz Rouge, 8-1 Brocklen Glen, Jeroki, 10-1 Droammylan Rovers, 33-1 Noah, 59-1 others.

DROMDORANI shaped well when easy to back in a large-Reld event on his inaccourse bow

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestona: 2.00 Tellion. 2.30 Dashing Invader. 4.30 Charden, Springfarm Rath. Musselburgh: 1.50 Madman's Mi-rage 3.50 William Of Orange, 4.20 Better Bythe Glass. YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

☐ Richard Evans yesterday landed an 11-1 double with Welsh Mountain (3-1, nap) and Noisy Miner (2-1) at Leicester.

Sedgefield Going: good

2.30 (3n 3i ch) 1, Tumpole (Mr A Demosey, 4-5 fav); 2, Monshaat (8-1); 3, Lothen Commander (40-7), 15 ren, 41, hd, Mrc M Revetey, 7 tos, 22,20; 51 40, 52 10, 510.50. DF 66:20 CSF: \$7.60 3.06 (2m 5) (10 od hole) 1, Celdamas (A Dobbn, 3-1); 2, Saxon Victory (4-1); 3, Ka-risma (7-1), doly Mirater (4th) 9-4 fav. 15 mi. 151, 2-3. Mrs. Memta. Jones. Toter 53 70; 61,50, 61,60, 52,60. DF; £8,90. CSF 613 67.

3.30 (2m 11 hote) 1, Fatehelicheir (C Mc-Cormack, 5-1); 2, Country Orchid (15-2), 3, Once More For Luck (5-1), Papua 7-2 lav. 12 ran. 4d, 144 B Elison Tote 15-40, 52.20, 62.60, 62.60, 0F; \$14.80, Tote Tir-leota; 6244.50 CSF; 641.23, Tricast, 5279.31.

22/3.1. 4.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Balfeswhidden II. Wyer, 3-1 fav); 2, Another Red (12-1), 3, Mose Pegeent (9-2) 10 ren. <sup>24</sup>, 13l R Fahrey, Tota: £3 30; 51.70, 12-30, 52-00 DF; £26.50, CSF: £32.38, Totasti: £143.08 4.30 (2m 5i ch) 1, Distant Hills (J Burke, 25-1); 2, Heavy Huster (14-1); 3, Mike Stan (5-2 tav), 15 ran. 7l, 25l. J Dodds. Tole £25.20, £3 l0, £2 70, £1.60, DF: £171.20. CSF. £316 00. 8.00 (2m 11 flat) 1, Simple Tonic (R Mc-Grath, 4-6 lav); 2, Barton Nic (8-1); 3, Lam-bron Man (20-1), 13 ran. NF: Mathemati-cal (6, 134, T Eactorby, Totar 9, 170; 51 10, 93 10, 95,70, DF: 98.40, CSF: 98 60.

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MUSSELBURGH

1.50 Master Tern. 2.20 Zahid. 2.50 Dorans Way 3.20 Gale Force, 3,50 Charlie Banker, 4,20 Satin Lover. 4.50 BLUE MOON (nap). Carl Evans: 4.20 Coole Abbey.

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1.50 TOM MCCONNELL MEMORIAL JUYENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: £2,801: 2m) (14 runners)

11-10 Master Tern, 11-4 Albrigation, 5-1 Connactive, 6-1 Stone Beck, 10-1 others.

2.20 ANDERSON STRATHERN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,517: 2m) (9)

2.50 DICK VETERINARY COLLEGE FYC 2002 HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,827: 2m) (11)

1 1623 UMON TOWN 188 (BF,6) V Thompson 5-11-10 1 1623 LMON TOWN 166 (8F,6) V Thompson 5-11-10
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3 - FTS BIT D MAGEL TS (C.D.F) R Allan 7-11-0 ... A Dobbin 88
4 R3-0 OOH AH CANTONA 88 M Hammond B-10-13 ... B Harding 98
5 2-54 BEHINARD SCHEN 13 (6) Miss L Russel 7-10-12 .R Johnson 76 050-ADARAMANN 259 (5) I Bronzson 7-10-11 ... Supple 77 4-PP NORTH TIPP 64 (7) Biscoly 10-10-10 ... R Supple 101
6 4325 REPROHEM 25 (D.F.S.S) C 6 cm 8-10-10 ... R Supple 101
9 -434 PLANNING GARI 64 (D.F.S) 10 to 8-10-5 Mr LI Bagiture (3) 91
10 4300 PIRIDOY FART 13 (0) F.6) B Macagogn 16-10-5 ... 8 Storby 91
11 OPDIO KATTYMANN 4 (D.F.G.S) B Elizar 7-10-4 ... F Husbard 85

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER 2.10 Mosquero, 2.40 Infamous, 3.10 Italian Symphony. 3.40 Dispol Clan. 4.10 Just For You Jane. 4.40 River Junction.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.10 DAFFODIL MAIDEN (£2,814: 1m 1l 79yd) (10)

EVENS Mosqueso, 7-2 Port Meadow, 9-2 Freedom Quest, 8-1 Datifield, 12-1 others.

2.40 TULIP CLAIMING STAKES (£2,068: 1m 6f 166yd) (8)

2-1 Prince Darzeg, 5-2 Maurieno, 5-1 Exerco Relio, 13-2 Infamous, 7-1 Albertine, 8-1 others

3.10 STANLEY RACING ISHOWCASE HANDICAP AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACEJ (26,970: 7f) (11)

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302 -130 THREADMEDUE 14 (D.F) K Buske 8-9-12 ... N Culton (5) 3
303 080-2 TRALMAN SYMPHOWY (V.CO) P Easts 5-9-7 C Cogan (7) 8
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306 40-6 987 DF SOLO 7 (D.F.S A Basily 4-9-0 ... A Mackay 7
309 23-44 GOOMERSHAM PARK 9 (C.D) F Petgate 7-6-0 Dale Ginson 10
310 1000 REDOUBTRAEL 5 (C.D.F.G.S.) D Capman 6-7-12 L Charmock 4
311-121 C-HARRY 27 (C.D.G.S) R HOBITSHEAD 5-7-10 ... J Quinn 9
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311-122 C-HARRY 27 (C.D.G.S) R HOBITSHEAD 5-7-10 ... J Quinn 9 Placepot: 9362.50. Quadpot: 98.10.

3.20 J.R. MCNNAIR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,775, 3m) (8)

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11-4 Santa Jel, 7-2 Salem Beach, 4-1 Darbys Gorse, Gale Fotce, 18-1 Camplosau rus, 12-1 Maybe O'Grady, Brownrath King, 20-1 German Legend.

3.50 RAMBLING RIVER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,144: 3m) (10).

-1 Golden Thunderbolt, 7-2 Donna's Dancer, 4-1 Charlie Banker, 5-1 Flighty Leader -1 Phantom Haze, Shardante, 14-1 William Of Orange, 25-1 others.

4.20 FIFE HUNT CLUB HUNTERS CHASE

(£1,940; 3m) (10) 1 1-11 ASTRAC TRIO 10P (D.F.G) J Boine 9-12-7 Mrs A Hamilton (7) 5-2 F12- COOLE ABBEY 321 (D.F.G) Mrs C Moore 7-12-7 Mr U Braptivime 100 3 11-4 JOINT ACCOUNT 249 (D.F.G.S) F E Needman 9-12-7 Mrs F Needman (3) 86 4 5U2- ACROSS THE CARD 277P (D.F.G.S) C Ramay 11-12-0 Mr A Parker (3) 102 5 12-1 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 10P (B.D.F.G) S Sailey-Basen 10-12-0 Mr C Storey 6660 RUYAL PALM 13 V Thompson 7-12-0 ..... Mr U Thompson 43 8 6860 ROYAL PALM 13 V Thompson 7-12-0 .... Mr U Thompson 43
7 113- SATIN LOVER 268 (BF 0.F.6) Mrs 5 Dent 11-12-0 Mr 5 Swers 1088
8 UN-5 THREADBUTTHAT 24P (Df.5) J Mar 10-12-0 Mr J Make (7)
9 P/P- UNDR 273 (Df.5.S) P Wisson 13-12-0 .... Mr D Risk (7)
10 5-13 CRAKS BURN 13 (D.G.S.) N Event 10-11-8 . Mr J Event (7)

5-2 Astrac Inc., 11-4 Cools Abbey, 7-2 Better Bythe Glass, 8-1 Joint Account. Clasg Bura, 10-1 Across The Card, Sabn Loves, 66-1 others. 4.50 WEATHERBYS 'STARS OF TOMORROW' OPEN



5-4 Blue Moon, 2-1 Regal Stand, 6-1 Plenty Courage Prince Sandirovitch, 14-1 Qualitatic Sundver, 16-1 Grey Expectations, 25-1 Charter Royal, 33-1 others



4.10 LILY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £1,856 61) (8)

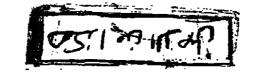
4.40 ROSE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,190: 1m 4f) (8)

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604 605 5112 COPPER SHELL 8 (SF.D) Mrt. Level 5-9-4
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606 450- RIVER JUNCTION 211 (C) 8 Smart 8-8-13
607 409- MYSTERIUM 329 (C) N Latimoden 5-7-10
608 0030 LWRTUS 23 (6) M Chapman 6-7-10
608 SRIGHTON 53 SRIGHTON 63 3 7-4 Copper Shell 7-2 Opera Bull. 4-1 Noulces, 9-2 Nouls 5 Star 10-1 Anderman, 20-1 River Janatoin, Uniters, 25-1 Mysteraym

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

WOLVERHAMPTON\* TRAINERS: J Gosden, 5 womes from 16 tumbers, 31.3%, B Charlon, 8 from 29 2f.5%, P Februe, 8 from 45, 17 8%, D Nichols, 15 from 112, 13 4%, N Librarden 48 from 367, 13 5%, D Nichols, 15 from 112, 13 4%, N Librarden 48 from 367, J P Spencer, 4 from 13, 30.8%, D Sweeney, 18 from 121, 14.9%, G Faultier, 10 from 58, 14.7%, J McLaughlin, 24 from 165, 14.5%, D McKeorm, 38 from 304, 12.5%.

MUSSERBURGHT TRANSERS: J Jefferson, 5 winners from 15 normers, 63,3%, C Grad, 3 from 11, 27,3%, F Metphs, 7 from 28,25 0%, J J D Mein 4 from 19, 21,1%, E Bifferson 4 from 21, 19 0%, 4 Hammond, 18 from 108, 16,7%, JOCKEYS: E Herband, 3 estimers from 6 rides. 50 0%, A Abspare, 3 from 13, 23,1%, A Dobbin, 17 from 50, 18,3%, P Neet, 12 from 57, 17,9%, N Hammods, 3 from 19, 15,8%, M Bradbertie, 5 from 52, 15,6%



### United manager says recent reverses against Arsenal can be halted

# Ferguson has eye on winning the race

By Stephen Wood

THOSE who rail against the superfluous hype accompanying contests involving Man-chester United and Arsenal will maintain that, whatever the outcome at Old Trafford tonight, there is time yet for either club to manipulate destiny in the FA Carling Premiership race.

Recens history. sides with the glory-seekers. There is compelling evidence that, whenever the reds of Manchester and North London clash in the grey area between winter and spring, the victors flourish and the losers settle for second place from here until May.

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	P	W	0	L	F	A	P
Man Utd .	25	14	8	3	59	27	5
Chelsea	. 24	12	10	2	36	19	- 4
Arsenal	24	12	9	3	28	11	4
A VIIIa .	24	12	7	S	36	25	4
Liverpool	25	11	S	9	47	30	3
	25	9	10	6	25	22	3

"This is one heck of a big game," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. Three seasons ago, in March 1996, United beat Arsenal by a single goal before going forward to claim the Double. Two seasons ago, almost to the day. United triumphed by a single goal at Highbury and the title was theirs. Last season, in March, Arsenal won, courtesy of a solitary strike from Marc

The visitors to Old Trafford that day drew so much confidence from that moment that they did not drop any more points until the Premiership

crown had been wrenched from United's grasp. Ferguson is in no doubt as to its impact We lost the championship that day," he said.

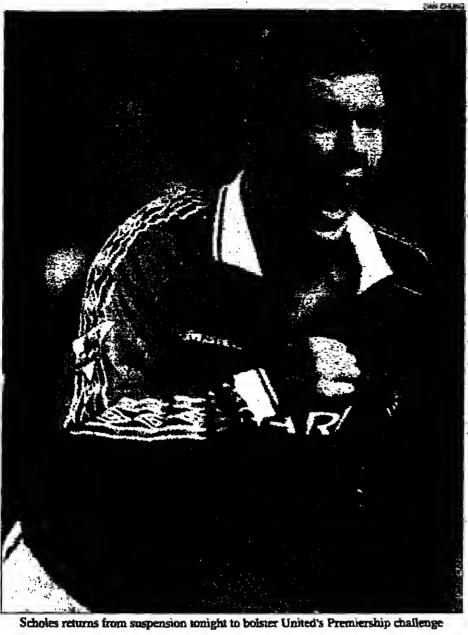
Over the course of those three years. Ferguson has seen Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, grow from being a newcomer that he could dominate to an equal he can respect, if a little begrudgingly. Yesterday. Wenger was not backward in coming forward. We know we can beat United," he said.

"There is no longer a psychological handicap for us. because our record against them recently is so good. It has been a difficult few days for the club, but the players are focused and they have forgotten what happened in the game with Sheffield United last

"Our win in the match against United last year put our fate in our own hands. Beforehand, I was only thinking that if we could get a draw, it would not be such a bad result for us." Despite his bullishness, a similar sentiment may hold sway once more. Last season. United were seriously understrength: this time, the misfortune is reversed.

Nicky Butt and Ryan Giggs were missing from the United side Il months ago. Arsenal, with Vieira and, in particular, Emmanuel Petit magnificent in midfield, took advantage. Petit is suspended tonight.

Likewise Dennis Bergkamp, while Martin Keown, who yesterday urged his club to present him with a new



contract that would keep him at Highbury for the rest of his career, is also absent. He is suffering from the hamstring injury that forced him off the field in the international between England an France last week.

Only Giggs is definitely missing for United, because Roy Keane, Gary Pallister. his hamstring pull has not recovered sufficiently. Keane and Scholes return from suspension, providing cause for optimism for Ferguson.
"I bet you couldn't name our

side for the game last year," he said. "Now, I don't think we could be playing Arsenal at a

"We are playing with confidence, the team spirit is great and we are looking forward to it." Even their

against Arsenal in the past 18 months is not intimidating them. Ferguson said: "We know we've lost the last four to them and we are not burying our head in the sand over the had run. But we had the upper hand before that, so these flucmations will always happen." The rider to all this is that,

for once, other clubs such as Chelsea and Aston Villa would claim to have a proper chance of breaking the duopoly. However, there remains the feeling that United and Arsenal will prevail again to fight it out for the Premiership title. A draw tonight, therefore, would not be a surprising result. Wenger said: "We have fought like crazy to get back into the title race and we are not going to throw it away now."

United yesterday recruited Bojan Djordic, a 17-year-old midfield player, from the Swedish club, Brommapojkarna. He has signed on a fouryear contract and will arrive at Old Trafford in the summer. He is the best young player in Sweden." Ferguson said.

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## **Everton** offer Weir a fresh challenge

BY STEPHEN WOOD AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

EVERTON yesterday won the race for the signature of David Weir by offering Heart of Middothian, the Scottish Premier League club, a nominal sum for the Scotland international defender. Weir was out of contract at Tynecastic at the end of the season, so Everton paid Hearts around £200,000 for him.

Weir is expected to be on the substitutes bench for the FA Carling Premiership match against Middles-brough at Goodison Park to might Walter Smith, the Everton manager, said: "I tried to sign David when he was at Falkirk and I was manager of Rangers."
For Weir, the move offers a

new challenge after five years playing in Scotland. "Everton. are struggling, but they are still a massive club," he said. Aston Villa attempt to re-

gain their winning thread when they take on Leeds United at Villa Park, but may have to make do without Dion Dublin in the near future. The England forward needs a hernia operation that will keep him out of action for Dublin has been troubled

by a groin injury for the past-month and was hoping to defy the pain and keep play-ing until the end of the season. but John Gregory, the Villa manager, said yesterday that he was now resigned to Dublin undergoing surgery soon. There's no question he is struggling. He is not doing himself justice and there are times when he is in severe

pain," Gregory said. Chelsea meet Blackburn Rovers at Stamford Bridge without Dennis Wise, their captain, who begins a four-match suspension. He was sent off for the fourth time this season in the 4-2 win against Oxford United in an FA Cup fourth-round replay

# Reid believes his men can dispel doubts

George Caulkin on a high-flying club that still has hurdles to clear

SUNDERLAND bave 2 problem. Their gleaming new stadium boasts regular attendances of around 40,000, they lead their division by an eight-point margin and to most rival managers, their prospective promotion is accepted as fact. At first glance, there does not appear to be too much wrong, but a couple of snags have been hit: perception and expectation. Having spent the majority

of the past two years at full throttle — relegation from the FA Carting Premiership. a move from Roker Park, defeat in the Nationwide League first division play-off final and another promotion tilt this time — minds on Wearside have begun to wander. It is now not enough to derive quiet satisfaction from each new league table. every result must be pon-dered and dissected for its wider significance. When even their manager, Peter Reid, talks of "when we go up," it is an understandable

in the FA Cup they were toppled by Blackburn Rovers, despite the luxury of playing against ten men for a third of the match. They knocked Everton out of the Worthington Cup. but only on penalties, to reach the last four of the competition, but then suffered a 2-1 defeat to Leicester City in the home leg of their semi-final three

obsession, but three recent results have caused alarm.

The inference is clear. By far the most accomplished side in the Nationwide League, yet struggling against those of a higher strata, Sunderland are already suffering from unflat-tering comparisons. The ageold question of why Reid has not further bolstered a position of strength by signing fresh talent is once more

being raised. He does not like it one bit. "I think we've handled the Premiership clubs very well," he said yes-terday. "At present, I'm not too concerned, but when we go up we'll need to improve.

With a handful of his more influential players now fully recovered from injury, Reid believes the semi-final second leg at Filbert Street tonight will showcase a different Sunderland from the insipid team that conceded two goals to Tony Cottee at the Stadium of Light.

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Reid: content

land midfield, which struggled to contain Neil Lennon and, particularly, Muzzy Izzet in the first encounter Much also hangs on Niall Quinn, who with 15 goals to his credit this season, is "playing his best ever," according to Reid. "I firmly believe we would have stayed up two years ago if he had been fit," he said. Recalling memories like that only serves to produce more tremors.

LESCESTER CITY (possible; 5-6-2); K. Keller — M. Elicu, S. Welsh, G. Tapperi — F. Sincleir, M. Lazel, N. Lennon, R. Uhathome, S. Guppy — E. Heeley, A. Cotteo, SUNDORFR, AND. (probable; 4-4-2); T. Sorompen — C. Medra, A. Mehrille, P. Buller, M. Stromenhen, L. Clerk, K. Ball, A. Stromenhen, L. Clerk, K. Ball, A. Stromenhen, L. Clerk, K. Ball, A.

### FOOTBALL IN BRIEF

JAMIE POLLOCK, the Manchester City midfield player, has been stripped of the club captaincy after being sent off for the third time this season in the 0-0 draw against Bournemouth on Saturday. Pollock, who faces a three-match suspension. has also been dismissed in games against Notts County and Derby County. "It's not a knee-jerk reaction and it's not been done out of

spite." Joe Royle, the City manager, said yesterday. "He's had three sendings-off, two of them dissent related. and this might take Jamie away from these situations. There will be no reason for him to talk to referees any more."

■ BRIGHTON, the Nationwide League third division club, are asking for £2.8 million in compensation from Aston Villa for Michael Standing, their former midfield player. Standing, 17, joined Villa last year and was a substitute during Villa's 3-1 defeat against Blackburn Rovers earlier this month. The fee will be decided by a tribunal, which earlier this season ruled that Villa should pay Brighton El million in instalments for Gareth Barry, who has graduated into the Villa first team and England Under-2t sides since leaving the South

Coast club. **■ SOUTHAMPTON have** signed Marian Pahars, the arvia striker, for a fee of 5800,000. Pahars. 22, scored at an average of almost one goal in every two games for Skonto Riga, the Latvian champions. "A friend recommended him." David Jones, the Southampton manager, said, "He's rated as nighly as Michael Owen in his home country."
Southampton will have to wa

# Liverpool appeal against dismissal

LIVERPOOL have contacted the Football Association to ask for the red card that Jamie Caring at the video, we feel that ragher received against Charl-

ton Athletic on Saturday to be reconsidered. Carragher was sent off by Mike Reed, the Birmingham referee, after a clash with Martin Pringle, the Charlhis arm, but Liverpool claim it ton striker, during Charlton's 1-0 victory at The Valley.

Gérard Houllier, the Liverpool manager, has been highly critical of Reed's handling of the game, and studied the match video before deciding to lodge an official appeal. A club spokesman said: "After look-

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 78 Detrot 69: Marrings New Jersey 77 Denser 106 Phoenic 115, Urah 120 Secre-mento 112 (OT, Portland 99 Dollas 64 Golden State 101 Minnesota 99

CRICKET

Zimbabwe A v England A

BL·LAWAYO (Zimbabwe A won toss): England A beat Zimbabwe A by I wicket

ZIMBABWE A

Total (48.4 overs) 282 FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-31 3-39 4-201 5-225 6-228 7-252 8-253 9-261 Roman 8-0-43-2 Maccy 9-0-54-2 Riscort 3-4-1-39-3 Corber 10-0-51-0 Swarm 6-0-34-0

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By Our Sports Staff

the red card was unwarranted and we have officially appealed against the decision. Carragher was adjudged by Reed to have hit Pringle with to have had talks with the player's representatives.

was unintentional. Reed has said he would be prepared to look at the match video if

asked to do so by the FA. On the transfer front, there are reports from Portugal that Benfica are interested in Brad Friedel, the Liverpool No 2 goalkeeper. The American has

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lost his place to David James this season, and Graeme Souness, the former Liverpool manager who is now in charge of the Lisbon club, is believed

Manchester United supporters have voted Eric Cantona the best player in the club's history. A readers' ballot organised by United's official magazine puts Cantona in top spot ahead of George Best, Sir Bobby Charlton and Duncan Ed-

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SCHOOLS SPORT

Ryan Giggs took third place and David Beckham, eighth, finished ahead of another star of the sixties, Denis Law. Forgotten were Billy Me-

redith as well as Liam Whelan, Jackie Blanchflower and David Pegg, some of the Busby Babes. Justyn Barnes, the magazine editor, is not too surprised. "The average age of our readers is 22, and that is reflected in the high placing of modern players," he said.

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### Jones in line for Cup Final BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PETER JONES, the referee at FA Cup tie between Arsenal and Sheffield United on Saturday, is believed to be on the shortlist of candidates to take charge of the FA Cup Final at Wembley on May 22.

Jones had to rule on the second-half incident when Nwankwo Kanu and Marc Overmars, of Arsenal, took advantage of a throw-in that should have beren returned to united player. Alan Kelly. the United goalkeeper, had kicked the ball into touch to allow Lee Morris, his colleague, to receive treatment for an inju-

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ry. Kamu crossed the hall for Overmars to score the goal that gave Arsenal a 2-1 victory and Jones was powerless to disallow it. He told United players that although he was not happy about it, there was nothing in the rulebook to enable him to reverse his decision.

Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, and Steve Bruce, his opposite number, later supported Jones's handling of the game. Wenger's offer to re-stage the fifth-round tie was swiftly sanctioned by the Football Association and Jones will

be in charge for the rematch at tive from Loughborough.

Leicestershire, took charge of the Coca-Cola Cup final between Cheisea and Middlesbrough at Wembley last season. He joined the Football League referces list in 1988, progressed to the FA Carling Premiership five years ago and took charge of his first European Cup match this season. He is widely respected for his firm manner of officiating and his role at Highbury should not jeopardise his chances of Wembley selection.

## Kilmarnock go into Celtic den

BY PHIL GORDON

CELTIC PARK may have been eclipsed by the Colosseum in terms of numbers, but tonight the ethos of ancient Rome will be transferred to the East End of Glasgow. Only one of the two remain-

ing challengers to Rangers in the Scottish Premier League will be left standing after Celtic and Kilmarnock battle for the right to continue the pur-suit, however vain, of the leaders. Neither team can afford to lose, given the margin of deficit, and even a draw will produce self-inflicted wounds. More than 1.1 million speciators have passed through Celt-

ic Park's portals this season. more than any FA Carling Premiership club, yet Bobby Wil-liamson, the Kilmarnock manager, is undaunted by the prospect.
"We have probably played

some of our best football against Celtic this season," he said, pointing to a !-! draw on a visit to Glasgow in September and a win at Rugby Park as evidence. However, Williamson is

aware that Kilmarnock need an infusion of self-belief after the slump in form since the Scottish Premier League's winter break, which has seen his team slide from just four points behind Rangers to the present gap of 12, with tonight's game in hand.

A win would trim the margin to nine, and Williamson added: "The gap is big enough as it is, and both Celtic and ourselves want to close it. My players realise what is

We have slipped recently, but I feel we are capable of do-ing something at Celtic. Some people have written us off, but I would never have the label of 'quitter' stuck on me."

Josef Venglos, the Celtic coach, is likely to choose the same team which defeated Dunferraline 4-0 in the Scottish Cup last Saturday, because of fitness doubts over Alan Stubbs and Tom Boyd, the central defenders. However, one player who

will be watching, rather than playing, is Mark Viduka. The Australia forward had his first taste of action yesterday since his messy transfer from Croatia Zagreb, and scored in a 4-2 win over Motherwell in an under-21 match. Several hundred spectators braved the skeet and rain to capture a glimpse of Viduka, who said later: "It was good to get out on the pitch after two months, but I need to get a few more games under my belt."



Williamson: optimistic

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# Gloucester finally lose patience with Hill regime

RICHARD HILL'S sudden departure from Gloucester after 3th years in charge is a sign of the omes — a modern rugby parable. As in football, failure cannot be tolerated and highprofile, high-salary appointmenis must be seen to work. in that regard, Hill, who leaves Kingsholm with the club languishing in tenth place in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, musi have known that he was living on borrowed time.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of such decisions, which some regard as an unwelcome facet of professionalism. Hill, 37. was struggling to make an impact and his dismissal had been building for some time. It was increasingly obvious that he was losing touch with the players - the dispute with David Sims, the captain, his apparent unwillingness to listen to players such as Philippe Saint Andre, were cases in point.

He alienated supporters with some of his transfer dealings, such as the sale of Phil Greening, and his explanations for defeats were increasingly seen as excuses. At some stage Hill had to take responsidid not. Richard was the guy in charge. He got the budget he asked for, he got all the players that he wanted to buy in. and if his plans do not work he is the one who has to answer for them. Sometimes hard decisions have to be taken." Tom Walkinshaw, the Gloucester owner, said yesterday, "You cannot sit back with a dozen internationals in your squad and be happy with them in the bonom of the league. The situanon means that a change is necessary to enable the club to achieve its ambigons."

The unanimous decision for

Hill: dismissed

### Ireland welcome back Ward for Wembley

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

IRELAND, disappointed not to have begun their Five Nations Championship with victory over France, make one change to the XV for the match against Wales at Wembley on Saturday. Andy Ward, the flanker forced to withdraw against France with a leg injury, returns for whal will be Ireland's first - and, presumably only - visit to Wembley. There was never any doubt that David Humphreys would retain the No 10 jersey despite missing the penalty that would have given Ireland victory over France. Ward replaces Victor Costel-

lo in the back row, with Eric Miller taking the more familiar No 8 position. Costello has recovered from a rib injury to

AND A STREET

take a place among the replacements. Rob Henderson. the Wasps centre, must also be content with a place on the

Jonathan Humphreys, the Wales hooker, is unlikely to play again in the Five Nations this season because he requires a back operation. He will be replaced in the Wales game by Barry Williams, of

Richmond.

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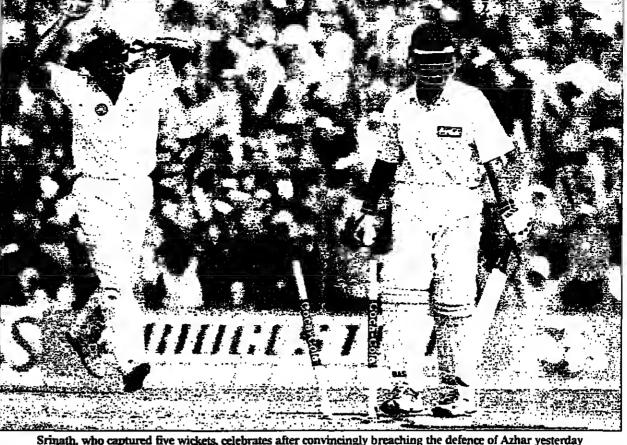
that change had been taken at a board meeting on Thursday night, but Hill was not informed until 5pm on Monday by Walkinshaw. The relationship between the two ap-peared, at best, cordial. Hill, who leaves his post as director of rugby with his contract paid up until 2001, alienated his employer last autumn by suggesting that England players should be contracted to the Rugby Football Union rather than io the clubs.

When your employer is a multimillionaire in dispute with Twickenham, that was not the shrewdest move. That was part of Hill's problem; he was too honest for his own good. Perhaps his loyaloes do lie with country rather than club. As things stand, his posioon as England A coach remains unaffected.

The former England scrum half arrived at Gloucester from Bath, where he continued to live, in October 1995. In his first two seasons at Kingsholm, Hill ensured that Gloucester escaped relegation and gave the club a cosmetic makeover, bringing in overseas talent such as Saint Andre, who now assumes the coaching role until the end of the season alongside John Brain, the forwards coach. But he achieved little of substance apart from twice reaching the semi-final of the cup. He believed that solid foundations were being put in place, however, and he had no inkling of his impending fate.

"It has been a fair old shock," he said yesterday. "Gloucester's position in the league doesn't look very good. so I have no leg to stand on there. I shall have to spend the next couple of days giving it a lot of thought. I have no plans in place because I had not intended to lose my job over-

☐ David Campbell, who resigned as a director of Newcastle Falcons last week, has launched a formal bid to buy Sir John Hall's 76 per cent shareholding in the club on behalf of a consortium of Tyne-side businessmen. The Newcastle Gosforth Shareholders Association, which controls the other 24 per cent, is also believed to be preparing a deal to buy Sir John's shareholding.



## Wasim surrenders initiative

CALCUTTA (first day of five: Pakistan won toss): India, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind Pakistan

WATCHING Pakistan subside yesterday morning recalled the great farce of English cricket known as the NatWest Trophy final. The attendance was 70,000 greater. the temperature 20C warmer and the air a great deal unhealthier, but in one significant respect Eden Gardens bore a distinct resemblance to those September mornings at Lord's as lavish seam and swing made batting an unenviable business.

Win the toss at St John's Wood, insert the opposition and invariably victory follows. Here, Wasim Akram took the misguided decision to bat after calling correctly. Within the first hour Pakistan had slipped to 26 for six, and despite a recovery led by Moin Khan, who made 70, the total of 185 fell way below the

captain's expectations. India began the Asian Test Championship just as emphatically as they had ended the recent two-match Test series against their neighbours. This time, though, Anil Kumble, the new national hero after taking ten wickets in the second innings at Delhi, played the equivalent of third footman. The most significant damage was inflicted by Javagal

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN CALCUTTA

Srinath, returning figures of five for 46, and Venkatesh Prasad before Kumble had sent down a ball in anger. On a pitch with a hint of green. and through a smog-induced haze at the 9.30am start, both Srinath and Prasad maintained a full length in the corridor around off stump. sowing uncertainty in the minds of batsmen by moving the ball both ways.

Pakistan, equally, contributed towards their decline with poor footwork and injudicious shot selection. The inexperience of a top order including three players in the spring of their Test careers swiftly became apparent. Shahid Afridi flattered to deceive by striking two boundaries in Srinath's first over. When the pair next crossed swords. Shahid was

squared by a ball slanted in and nickled a regulation catch to Mongia, the wicketkeeper. to herald a collapse of six wickets for 11 runs. In successive overs, Prasad

beat a flimsy stroke by Saeed and Ijaz was leg-before as he played Srinath from the crease Wajahatullah, making his debut, lasted just nine balls and then Srinath accounted for Yousuf, driving away from his feel, and Azhar, bowled pushing down the wrong line. in his fifth over. If the perennially unlucky Inzamam had become the butt of humour after hitting his head while boarding the team bus on Sunday evening, causing his absence here, then any laughter in the dressing-room of the touring team must by now have died

### SCOREBOARD FROM CALCUTTA

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The situation called for wise neads and sound technique. Salim Malik and Moin responded by grafting for 47 overs for 84 runs, It was a

fascinating period of play. Salim scored 19 in his first

three hours at the crease but

broadened his range before

tea, only to nick the second

ball from Srinath after the re-sumption. Moin had driven Kumble for six and added five fours in a half-century compiled in 216 minutes. With Wasim immediately seeking to attack, the eighthwicket pair prospered. However, Sachin Tendulkar is becoming an uncanny partnershipbreaker. Moin cut him straight to slip, and when Wasim drove high to long-off the innings was all but over.

to Pakistan's one. It will not have given Wasim any consolation to hear afterwards that Mohammad Azharuddin, the India captain, would have bowled had he won the toss.

Under the scoring system for

this triangular competition, India have four bonus points

Despite the loss of Laxman. bowled by Shoaib Akhtar. Azharuddin has set his side a target of 400. There is a certain amount of responsibility on the shoulders of young Shoaib, an enthusiastic replacement for Wagar Younis. His pace can be immense, but craft is likely to count for as much this morning.

### Solanki guides **England A** to narrow victory

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS

BULAWAYO (Zimbabwe A won toss): England A beat Zimbabwe A by one wicket

VIKRAM SOLANKI engineered a remarkable victory for England A in the first limited-overs match against Zimbabwe A. Chasing a target of 263. England appeared to have baned themselves out of contention, requiring 85 from the last len overs with four wickets in hand, but Solanki struck an elegant 70 from 72 balls and the tail scrambled over the finishing line with three balls and onc wicket to spare.

Controversy had appeared to give way to disappointment when Paul Franks, who, with Solanki, had led the initial fightback with a partnership of 66 in nine overs, was wrongly adjudged to have been run out, having charged at a no-ball from Guy Whittall. Though well out of his

ground. Franks was making no anempi ai a run when the wicketkeeper. Trevor Madon-do, threw down the stumps and should, therefore, not have been dismissed.

With 41 runs still required from 4.5 overs it was a decision that, when Darren Thomas was bowled by Whittall two balls later, appeared to have cost England any chance of victory. Solanki took his cue, however, to strike the fifth and sixth balls of the over straight for six and four.

An attempt to repeat the stroke in the next over saw Solanki caught off Dirk Viljoe's left-arm spin at long-off. leaving England's last pair. Chris Read and Dean Cosker. needing 25 runs from 19 balls. Read and Cosker both scored boundaries in Viljoen's next over, which meant that England A needed just four runs from the final over, bowled by Whittall.

Solanki, 22, has scarcely wasted an opportunity on this tour, but until his innings England looked to be heading for their first defeat, with only Andrew Flintoff having any cause for celebration.

Flintoff was by some dis-tance England's best bowler. taking three wickets for 30 runs. Stuart Carlisle scored 80 from 67 balls for Zimbabwe A. including 18 in one over from Darren Maddy.

Scoreboard, page 40

# World Cup final could move to Twickenham

ould Twickenham host the World Cup final? Every possibility if Cardiff's new Millennium Stadiunt is not ready. according to Leo Williams. the Rugby World Cup (RWC) chairman. The genial Australian is on a fact-finding visit to Wales this week for an update on the stadium, which is behind schedule but which the Welsh Rugby Union insists will be open on time for the internacional against South Alrica on June 26. Williams said the Twickenham confingency plan would mean switching the semi-finals to Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road, but that would not prove a problem. Wembley is another opoon, but Williams believes a rugby venue is necessary for the occasion. The odds are that the

Cardiff stadium, which needs to host three live events to gain a safety certificate, will he ready, even if it means postponing the Springboks game and including the opening match of the World Cup as part of the certification process. The final decision will be made before the team managers' meeting on May 14.

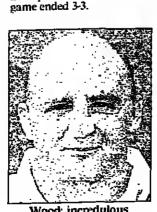
To dye for A flustered Lloyds TSB official rang Reith Wood last Monday believing that the Ireland hooker was going to appear on the Nine O'Clock News to talk about the dye controversy at Lansdowne

Wood was told that he need not worry, that there were no health hazards because the "dye was edible". An incredulous Wood said later: "Did they serioosly think the Irish and French front rows spent the afternoon earing the bottom of the grass? t am not a cow that chews the cud."



Famous draw The fact that Scotland have not beaten England at Twickenham since 1983 rekindles memories of a previous Scottish losing streak that ended in 1965 after 27 years. That was the game of Andy Hancock's immortal last-minute try that forced Scotland to settle for a draw. They were seconds away from a 3-0 win when the Northampton wing raced 90 yards, narrowly evading a tackle by Jain Laughland, the

Scotland centre. Hancock, now 60 and a town planning consultant in Lincolnshire, said this week: Had I known that Laughiano was as desperate as I was I would have tried to run round under the posts." Instead, Don Rutherford's conversion attempt went wide and the



The match programme of Buccancers, the AlB League first division

Cross dressing

newcomers, sports a cover pholograph of Brian Rigney, the club captain. Inside can be found a picture of another Ireland international - Roy Keane, in a Buccs jersey. Eammon Fagan, of Dubarry, the club's main sponsor, bumped into Keane last summer and the Manchester United star gladly posed for the photo - free of charge.

Heariot's? We've had Rear of the Year competitions. Now Scottish Rugby is introducing Ear of the Year. The magazine is looking for those cracking cauliflowers that so distinguish rugby's forward brethren. Front-runner is Jock Bryce. of Heriot's, although Martin Johnson is also a

☐ And finally . . . Scotland

have been accused of

live contender.

picking players under a flag of convenience, but the same charge could have been levelled at England 50 years ago in the Calcutta Cup match. Terry O'Connor, the dayen of rugity writers, has pointed out that in the England side that day were Barry Holmes, a full back horn in Argentina. Clive van Ryneveld, from South Africa and Oxford University, Robert Kennedy, a Rhodesian ing, and Basil Travers, a Harlequin from Australia. Scotland were captained by Doug Keiler, another Aussie, who had toured with the 1947-18 Wallabies and stayed on. England

Ryneveld scoring two tries. MARK SOUSTER

# Hamed gets new TV deal

NASEEM HAMED has signed a new multimilliondollar deal with Home Box Office (HBO) for six contests. The American cable television company would not reveal figures. but said that the money was considerably more than the \$12 million his last contract was worth. The sum is believed to include fees for worldwide rights, which will be ne-gooated for Harned by HBO.

As Hamed has completed only two of the six contests in the last deal, the new agreemeni starts afresh from the bout against Paul Ingle, of Scarborough, in Manchester on April 10. All but one of the remaining five bouts will be staged in the United States. The World Boxing Organisa-don (WBO) featherweight

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

champion's first real test is expected to come in the third contest, a pay-per-view match. which will be in one of the leading boxing centres in the US and will feature Marco Antonio Barerra, Arturo Gatti or Erik Morales.

A press conference called in London yesterday to announce Hamed's plans and to publicise his bout with Ingle was, for once, a toned-down affair. Harned thanked his former trainer, Brendan Ingle, and Frank Warren, his former promoter, but said that it was time to move on. His new South American trainer has made him a much better box-

Hickman's presence in Malmō was always likely to be a lonely affair, given that

there are only four or five of

his class in the world at the mo-

ment and none are here. It's a

shame. James likes to race".

The deep sigh from Francis-

co Rivas, coach to Poll, had

quite a different tone to it. The

freestyle world champion was

defeated for a third time over

800 metres by Chen Hua. 16,

who, until late last year, was

unheard of outside China

Yesterday, Chen recorded a

time of 8min 27.16sec to defeat

Poll, who could manage only

Chinese to have come from

nowhere, beat Claudia, then

disappear, Rivas claimed.

Two of them disappeared

because they tested positive for

"Chen Hua is the fourth

\$:30.86.

"I've been in the same gym 17 years, doing the same stuff for 17 years," he said. "I haven't been learning. You are going to see a more compact, a more skilful and stronger puncher."

Paul Ingle was unimpressed by the talk of Hamed's wealth and put a stop to the preoccupation with ostentation when he said: "He can have his Lamborghinis and Ferraris. I've got a ferret and two whippets." Wayne McCullough, of Ulster, will challenge Morales for his World Boxing Council super-bantamweight oile on May 8. The Las Vegas contest with the Mexican will be Me-Cullough's second consecutive attempt on the world otle after losing his WBO featherweight

SPORT IN BRIEF



Hamed will be richer still after signing a new contract with Home Box Office for six televised bouts

### **SWIMMING**

### Hickman unhappy to be out on his own

FROM CRAIG LORD IN MALMO

THE resignation in the voices of the respective coaches of James Hickman and Claudia Poll, the world champions. here at the eighth round of the World Cup yesterday had everything to do with the inevi-tability of victory for one and defeat for the other.

Hickman's emphatic win in the 200 metres butterfly, in lmin 55.07sec, more than four seconds clear of those who wallowed in his wake, demanded no great forecasting skills on the part of Terry Denison, his coach in Leeds. The swimmer, 23, from Stockport, has not been beaten over the distance in a short-course pool since be-coming world champion of the 25-metre pool, also here in Sweden, in the spring of 1997, and faced none of his key rivals

Denison acknowledged that

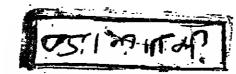
ROWING: The Boat Race

on Easter Sanırday will be preceded by a new curtain-raiser on Good Friday. It was announced yesterday that the Thames World Sculling Challenge. usually staged in the autumn, will be held on the Friday afternoon on the flood tide and that II of the world's best scullers, five women and six men, intend to compete over the Boat Race course between Putney and Mortiake.

HOCKEY: Simon Triggs. the Canterbury goalkeeper, is one of three new players called up by Barry Dancer, the England coach, for the tour of Argentina next month. The others are Tom Bertram, of Bournville, and Havant in the first division of the National League.

TENNIS: Goran tvanisevic, the No 8 seed, from Croana. was beaten 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 in the first round of the Rotterdam indoor tournament by Bohdan Ulirach, of the Czech Republic.

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# Autissier sails close to the wind

Edward Gorman on a racing career dogged by ill-luck and controversy

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ISABELLE AUTISSIER, who was yesterday rescued in the Southern Ocean by Giovanni Soldini, her fellow Around Alone Race competitor, after her yacht capsized, is regarded as one of the best single-handed ocean-racing skippers in the world, despite the fact that most of the great prizes have cluded her.

Althnugh a household name in France for ten years as her country's leading woman sailor, she has remained a private and modest person who has maintained a relatively low media profile. Yet among the racing elite on the Brinany coast where she was brought up. Autissier, 42, is revered as a talented and dedicated racer. and a supreme mariner. Her career, however, has been dominated by failures.

The victories which on many occasions have appeared well within her grasp have all too often been

snatched away as a result of little more than bad luck. She completed her first single-handed round-the-world race, the BOC Challenge. in 1990-91, despite a dismasthalfway through.

supreme mariner ? Four years later. in the next BOC. she ran away with the first leg, beating her near-est rival into Cape Town by

five days. Then, on the second leg through the Southern Ocean to Sydney, her boat was rolled and dismasted and eventually sank, prompting an expensive rescue by the Australian Navy. In the Vendee Globe race two years ago, she was forced to retire when disputing the lead after her present yacht, PRB, hit an object and lost one of its rudders 600 miles southwest of Cape

Now, on what is almost cerpainty her last attempt at achieving round-the-world glory, her campaign has again ended in failure as she raced towards Cape Horn, having set off on the stage from Auckland to Punte del Esie as overall race leader. There have been high points, such as her topthree linish in the Mini-

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PER MINUTE TO AUSTRALIA

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Belgium ...... 10p

Canada......9p

Denmark......9p

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Germany......9p

Hong Kang ............ 15p

Italy......14p

Jamaica.....41p

Netherlands ..... 10p

New Zealand ......10p

Singapore.....21p

Destination

FLAT RATE

Transal single-handed transatlantic race, and the record time that she and a crew of three set from New York to San Francisco in 1994.

There have been controversies, too, such as the 1994 rescue and the row between Autissier and the Vendée Cilobe race director. Philippe Jeantot. over his allegation that she did not do all in her power to continue the search for Jerry Roufs, the missing skipper.

Autissier, who is single and lives in La Rochelle, was taught to sail when she was six by her grandfather. At 12 she was already dreaming about sailing alone around the world, but it was not until 1987 that she took up single-handed racing, believing that it would lead to "self-improvement".

Aurissier has always seemed cheerfully impervious to the threat of the sea, despite having been through some terrible ordeals. Before starting the present race in

> Charleston in October. Autissier said: "I don't know why I have chosen this solo sailing joh. Well, it's because t love the racing. love sailing and sailing alone you are responsible for yourself. You have to push yourself -

you have to be thoughtful. Asked about being female in a predominantly male sport, she added: "I am happy to be a woman. but I disconnect those two things — sailing and being a woman.

In recent months. Autissier has said that the Around Alone Race would be her last solo round-the-world anempi. Her next project may be the Volvo Ocean Race, the successor to the Whitbread, for fully crewed monohulls. During the last Whilbread race, she sailed on the all-women boat. EF Education, on the leg from Annapolis to La Rochelle. It was no coincidence that the women produced their best fin-

LINKS



Autissier and her rescuer, Soldini, in Auckland before the third leg of the Around Alone

# Time to steady the boat

THE capsize of PRB, Isabelle Autissier's Open 60, in the Southern Ocean about L900 miles west of Cape Horn means that roughly one in four of the skippers who have set out in the past two single-handed round-the-world races have turned over. At least five boats have now capsized in the Southern Ocean in these two events. Though in two cases the boats involved were not the most modern 60-footers, these statistics are likely to lead to further calls for increased regulation of open-

class boats in such races. While Autissier was rescued by a fellow competitor, Glovanni Soldini, the situation can have much broader implications when national emergency and naval services are called upon to execute a rescue, in the past couple of years, race authorities and

skippers themselves have

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BY EDWARD GORMAN

worked to improve the safety of Open 60s. and particularly to prevent them from staying upside down after a capsize. However, it appears that despite the swing keef on PRB. Autissier's boat may have failed to right itself.

Critics argue that a rethink on the basic parameters of the

Rescue drama.

boats to make them more seaworthy in the extreme conditions of the Southern Ocean is long overdue. The problem is that the governing body of the sport - the International Sailing Federation - does not recognise Open 60 round-theworld racing, so design restrictions are left to those organising races and the skippers.

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From a purely sporting per-spective, a small shift in favour of safety at the expense of speed would make no difference to the competitive challenge, yet the risk of capsize or death might be significantly reduced.

This dilemma concerns Ellen MacArthur and Mark Turner, her project manager, as they review designs for her Open 60 for the next Vendée lobe race. Turner agreed yesterday that further thinking on seaworthiness could be needed, but he said that, in the absence of restrictions for the Vendée, there is little choice but to go for the extreme end of the design spectrum if your aim is to win.

Autissier's exit leaves only two of the six Class I yachts which left Charleston in October still in the Around Alone, with Soldini trying to catch Mare Thiercelin, of France.

### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL Krck-of: 7:30 unless stated denotes all-tid-et Worthington Cup

Leicester (2) v Sunderland (1) (7-45) FA Carting Premierstrip Asion Valla v Leeds (7 45) Chelsea v Blackburn (7 45) ... Everton v Middlesbrough (8 0) ...... Manchester Utd v Arsenal (8.0) ..... Newcastle v Coventry (7 45) .....

Northern Section

Rochdala v Halitar (7.45) ... Scotlish Premier League Celtic v Kilmarnock (7 45) .

Second division Partick v Stirling (7 45) ...... Third division

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borough v Charlon (7 0) Wintelston v Stefnior Gillington v Assentizo Gillington v Assentizo Gillington v Pontriors LEAGUE: Pinat divisions burder v Barrizo (7 15) Transpore v Pontriors v Bozon (7 0) Second divisions Storwasium v Hudders ved (7 3) Stockport v Stefahold LEA (7 0) York - Wiesham (7 0), Note Court, v Busch - Court,

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### WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 38

EXERCITOR (c) In Roman Law, a marine agent. From the Latin for an agent, from exercere to act or

DIMARIS (a) The mnemonic term designating the third mood of the fourth figure of syllogisms. EXSPUTTION

(c) The action of spitting out from the mouth. From the Latin, by way of the French. DELIBATE

(b) To take a little of, taste, sip. Also used figuratively. From the Latin delibare, to take a littie of, taste.

**SOLUTION TO** 

WINNING MOVE Solution: 1 ... Rxb5/ 2 Nxb5 Bc4+ 3 Ke3 (3 Ke1 Ne2 mate) 3 ... NES+ 4 Ke4 Bd5+ 5 Kxe5 Nd3 checkmate

### TELEVISION CHOICE

# Meet the kitchen gods

Sophic Grigson's Herbs BBC2, 7.30pm

The hair has been dyed red but the earrings are as big as ever and the gimmick-free enthusiasm for matters culinary remains unquenched. If anything, Sophie Grigson's patter has become a little more florid since she was last on the box, describing herbs, the subject of her new series, as "inescap-ably sensuous and alluring" and "invigorating almost any dish with their unabashed vitality". and so to business, starting with hasil, coriander and other "little kitchen gods" which come under the heading of warm and spicy. Among Grigson's recipes is one from Vietnam and another from Mexico, evidence of how far British tastes have moved from the old meat and two veg. There is a guest chef each week, starting with the ubiquitous and inevitable Antony Worral Thompson.

### **Looking Good** BBC2. 8.30pm

Real fashion for real women is the continued boast of this show, hosted by Lowri Turner and tonight it is starting its third series. But if real fashion implies defying the diktats of the catwalks, and real women means those who are not necessarily young and attractive with perfect figures, then you begin to wonder. The main item is about colour. Those who decree such things say that black is out this season and bright shades are in. The programme unquestioningly accepts this and persuades a woman who lives in black to think again. And she just happens to be thirtyish, pretty and enviably slim, More relevant to the brief is a look at the cheap and not always nasty cosmetics sold by supermarkets. Real fashion for real women is the continued boast sold by supermarkets.

### Blood on the Carpet BBC2.9\_30pm

The last in this compulsively watchable series about business bardes charts the rift within the Countryside Alliance after it had persuaded a quarter of a million people to demonstrate for the rural way of life and fox-hunting in particular. But even in this moment of triumph two factions were threatening to tear the alliance apart. The tradition-

Bowie as Ziggy Stardust (ITV, 10.40pm)

transsexual Israeli Dana International won the Eurovision Song Comest. That is the story presented here of how androgyny, cross-dressing and other manifestations of sexual ambiguity permeated mainstream popular music. David Bowie, with his bisexual Ziggy Stardust became a seminal figure. But the Kinks also contributed with a hit single, Lola, about a transvestite, as did Lou Reed on the track featuring New York drag queens which gives this programme its title. And so on by way of glam-rock. The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and Boy George. Meanwhile Annie Lennox, with her cropped hair and men's clothes, demonstrated that women, too, could cross the gender lines.

Afternoon Play: Women on Love Radio 4, 2,15pm

Radio 4. 2.15pm

The Afternoon Play slot has taken to theming in the past few months and the device has worked out well, though the increase in the number of listeners at this time probably owes more to The Archers being moved to 2pm. This four-part series of plays, all written by women, all inspired by a favourite love poem also written by a woman, starts today with Warming Her Pearls by Sarah Daniels, which is taken from the poem by Carol Ann Duffy. Rosemary Leach has produced some marvellous performances on radio and she is once again superb as Annie, a woman who decides to take action after realising that suppressing an affair she had many years ago has had a terrible effect on her daughter and grand-daughter.

### RAOIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Mark Goodler 12.00pm Kevin Greening 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Steve Lamacr; The Evening Sessio 10.00 Mavie Update with Mark Kermode 10.10 Ped Sessions Live. Live from the Ouean Efizabeth Hall on London's South Bank 12.00em Blue Jarn 1.00 Giffes Peterson 4.00 Scott Mills

### **RAO(0 2 (BBC)**

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00pm Richard Littlejohn 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Nick Banaclough 8.00 Mike Harding 9.00 The Andy Peebles Soul Show 10.00 Top of the Pops 2 on 2 10.30 Richard Alfinson 12.00am Kanna Leskanich 3.00 Alex Lester

### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

6.00em Morring Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00pm The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 John Inverdate's Football Night: Lecester City v Sunderland in the Worthington Cup semi-final Manchester United v Arsenal in the Premiership, and Cetic and Kilmarnock, Plus, the National Lottery draw 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

6.00cm The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00pm Jacobs Justice 1.00 Anna Raebum 3.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Off Side with Seb Coe 8.00 James Whate 1.00cm Ian Colins and the Creatures of the Night

### VIRGIN

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Mark Forrest 1.00mm Nick Abbot

4.00 Hamel Scott 5.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 James Memit 1.00am Steve Power 4.30 Richard Allen

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny, Includes Holst (St Paul's Suite); Sibelius (Finlandia); Stravinsky (Strovalide Fair, Petrushka)

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Includes Mendelsschin (String Symphony No 10 ur Bimmor); Bach (Caritata No 51). Schubert ilmpromptu in Cimmor. D899 No 1). Stoelius (Valse Trislet, Divorak Symphony No 5 in F)

10.30 Artist of the Week; Rephael Waltisch

11.00 Sound Stories: Exiles The life of Karl Marx

12.00pm Composer of the Week; Divorak

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert A rectal by Lynsey Marsh, clarinet and Zee Solomon, piano

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philhamionic under Richard Hodgs, and Vassily Smarshy.

4.00 Choral Evensoring for Ash Wednesday Live I mit to Choral Evensoring for Ash Wednesday Live I mit to Choral Evensoring for St. John's College. Cambridge Director of music Christopher Robinson Organ itudent Robert Houssart

Cheshire. The first part of the concert is given by the Williams Fairey Band, musical director James Gowlay, McCabe (Salamander); Holist (A Moorside State); Wilby (Revelation: Symphony for Double Brasst, Fodens (Courtois) Band, under Nicholas

Brasst, Fodens (Courtos) Band, under Nicholas Childs, Ireland (Comedy Overture); Wilby (Lowny Sketchbook), McCabe (Cloudcatcher Fellst 9.15 Postscript: Aria (3/5) 9.40 Schubert (Gesang der Geister uber den Wassem, D714), performed by the Monteverch Choir and string ensemble under John Biot Gardiner 10.00 Ensemble: Jazz Connections Includes Ravel (Violin Sonata), performed by Nicola Loud, Sem Haywood, piano. Gershwin (Thies Preludes), performed by Zoe Mather, piano 10.45 Night Waves Patrick Wright investigates the life and work of the poet turned partier Henri Michaux 11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the linal part of a concert by the Diana Krall Trio 12.00am Composer of the Weels: Telemann (r)

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10.00 Woman's Hour with Jerm Murray and guests

11.00 Murrar, Magic and Medicine Dr Mchael

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ine limits of the human mind
4.30 Thinking Allowed Laune Taylor and guests think
the unitarikable about society
5.00 PM with Clare English and Chins Lowe
6.00 Stx O'Clock News

6.30 Bathylenon Christopher Friz-Simon's comedy drama. The sale of an ancestral home causes intense speculation. Starring T.P. McKenna. Margaret D'Arcy and Stella McCusker II)
7.00 The Archers.

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7.15 Front Row The nightly arts programme
7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Part three Broadcast

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8.45 Lent Taltes New series: Writers with contrasting religious behels discuss the Easter story, beginning with A.N. Wilson See Choice (177) 9.00 Frontiers Peter Evans extols the httle-known benefits of increased noise.

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10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Justin Webb
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Post Captain Patrick
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Malahide reads part three of Patrick O'Brien's historic seafands novel

11.00 Late Night on 4: Truty, Madily, Bietchiey Julian Dutron's comedy based in the town of Bietchiey. With Ltz Fraser, Peler Hugo-Daly and special guest Cleo Roccos (2/6)

11.15 MacFlintock's Patace Comedy set in a Victorian music hall written and performed by Mach.

11.15 MacFintock's Palace Comedy sat in a Victorial music hall, written and performed by Mark McDomell and Steven McNicolf (2/6).

11.30 (FM) Mammon A satincel spin on the world of money and the media by Nick Hildred, Hugh Rycolf and David Spicer (1/6) (r).

11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political update 11.45 (LW) Parliamentary Postcards.

12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: Alf Points North Part three. Simon Armage's wry observations of lile in his home village of Marsden, West Yorkshire (it.).

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.B. RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720, RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102, VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215, TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Ian Hughes, Rosensey Smith, Susser Thomson, Jane Gregory and

## Taking a Walk On the Wild Side. David

# alists were led by Lord Kimball of Eton and Cambridge, a former Conservative MP and a master of the hounds. Against him was ranged Eric Bettelheim, a city lawyer determined to carry on the fight with modern business methods. He recruited Edward Duke, a self-made Yorkshire entrepreneur, as chief executive of the alliance. But Duke soon fell out with Janet George, his formidable press officer.

### Walk on the Wildside

ITV. 10.40pm It began with Elvis putting on eyeliner and mascara and reached its apogee last year when the transsexual Israeli Dana International won the Europsion Sono Contest. That is the story present.

### **RACIO CHOICE**

Lent Talks: The Dove Descending

Radio 4, 8.45pm Radio 4 may be the supreme example of speech

radio but that does not mean it does enough in the way of talks. Plenty of talking, true, but not enough talks. Readers often write to say that there were more talks on the radio 30 or 40 years ago but 1 suspect that every generation thinks something of the kind. I welcome this chance to highlight a proper series of talks over the next seven weeks in which writers use the Easter story as a basis for their reflections on religious matters. The author A.N. Wilson will strike a chord with lots of people in Britain when he speaks today about how his Christian faith has ebbed away without affecting his underlying affection for the Church of

### BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Westway 8.20 Off the Shell Captain Corelly's Mendolin 8.35 One Planet 9.00 World News 9.05 Britain Now 9.20 World Ranking 9.50 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Britain Today 10.45 Legal World 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Sports International 12.00pm World 11.00 Newstour 2.05 One Planet 2.30 Meridan Live 3.00 World News 2.05 One Planet 2.30 Meridan Live 3.00 World News 3.05 Sports Hound-Up 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Jazzmatazz 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.30 Mutturack. X- Press 5.00 Europe 7.049 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Round-Up 8.00 World News 6.15 Britain Today 6.30 Sports International 7.00 World News 7.05 Britain Todey 6.30 Sports International 7.00 World News 7.05
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### CLASSIC FM

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art is still lunk. And there is still

fierce debate about whether, say

Jeff Koons, is an artistic genius or

a charlatan. But just look at the

crowds that swarm through the

annual contemporary art fair in

Islington. Look at how auction

houses now hold sales of contempo-

rary art - the sort of stuff which,

ten years ago, was largely worth-less and which had no secondary market the minute it left the gal-

lery. There's now not only a renewed interest in modern art.

Beginning a new BBC2 series of Close Up. Chris Granlund's film.

Collectors tried to unravel what

made people eager to write the

cheques. Buying contemporary art

is still a brave thing to do. Your

friends will probably laugh at you,

especially if you admit how much

you paid for it: as an investment,

buying paintings that have been in

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12.25 Weather (5435673)

12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University Food 1.00 Healing the Whola 1.30 A

resale value of contemporary art still sinks as soon as it has left the

Putting a value on contemporary art is a headache in the first place. Anyone who thinks price doesn't (or shouldn't) play a part in decisions of artistic merit need only look at the case of John Myatt, the master forger, whose skill tricked leading galleries and collectors into embracing his copies of Ben Nicholsons and Giacomettis as the real things: why don't those galleries and collectors love the paintings just as much as they used to? They just don't.

ranhund found that, as far as collecting goes, sense doesn't come into it. It's all passion. You've either been stricken by the fever or you haven't. Vanessa Branson compares her quest for buying art to a form of modern-day hunting: "You REVIEW

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Getting one's teeth into the market for art



find your beast and you isolate it. you hunt, and then you bag your catch. It's very, very satisfactory." Branson is an indefatigable enthustast. She used to run her own gallery just around the corner from where I live and each time you passed she would try to get you to share her excitement about paintings in her latest exhibition. Of course she wanted to sell them, but I don't think she really needed that buying, and commissioning, art had even helped her through her recent divorce. She, like many other collectors, gets a big thrill from knowing that the artist is still alive, still painting. And there is always that casino quality to it: will these turn out to be the Pollocks and Rothkos of the future, or will they struggle to wash their face at a boot sale in 50 years' time?

Perhaps the shrewdest of the collectors we met was Adrian Mullish, a dentist who for many years fixed Damien Hirst's teeth free in exchange for artworks, an arrangement I'm sure he has made clear to the taxman. He owns a spot painting and has one of Hirst's medicine cabinets hanging in his surgery (his wife won't let it in the house), which, frankly, blends just a little too well into the surgery's surroundings really to stand out as a work of art. Maybe it isn't anyway. Hirst, who has

the money. She told us last night benefited more than most from the money being thrown at the Young British Artists, is naturally dismissive of the vulgarians who think of art as commodities with price tags. And he calls auction houses Oxfam shops trading in second-hand art, that is, art which is no longer exciting and vibrant, but just objects to be bought and sold.

> arvis Cocker, a former student at St Martins College of Art, also champions a noncommercial view of art. In Journeys into the Outside with Jarvis Cocker, Channel 4 gave the Pulp singer licence to visit various sites in France that are considered art by the people who produced them. but not by the artistic establishment. To prove to us that there is "much more to art than the stuff that hangs on gallery walls". Cocker showed us weird houses and edifices lovingly created by men

slightly deranged. Take Bodhan Litnianski, a Ukrainian who moved to France in the 1930s and has surrounded his house with a forest of tall cement totem poles, each of which is covered with objects he has collected from the local dump. The arrangement? This comes to him in his dreams. I'd love to see how the estate agent markets this property when the time comes to

put it on the market. You could call Litnianski's vision slightly unsavoury, but was it as unsavoury as Channel 4's The Coroner, a new four-part docusoap on the Birmingham City Coroner's Office? Staff at the coroner's office all seem very compassionate and efficient. smashing people. And Ian Taylor's film did a snappy job of making a gruesome subject inter-esting. But it still felt as if we were intruding on the grief of strangers.

BBC1 6.00em Business Breakfat (91833) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (11524) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8850949)

ne of the more startling recent changes in the art world is that people don't

automatically regard modern art as a joke; or as an elaborate

con-trick perpetrated by pranksters who are the aristic

equivalent of Candid Camera.

people making paintings purely for the purpose of gauging the

public's gullibility; or as the prod-uct of deluded youths who bilieve

themselves to be artists, but have

the artistic talent of a radish-It's not that we don't reserve the

right to pass judgment on the mental stability of artists in the

Turner Prize shortlist, or whose

work appears in shows like

Sensation at the Royal Addemy,

but that we at least bother to go

along and form an opinion Today.

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you don't just stand andsnigger:

you get him representation in Cork Street or Clerkenwell.

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Sophie Grigson'a Herbs New series. The cookery writer relebrates herbs (1) (272) 9.00 Jerwood Fashion Prize Cameras follow young hopefuls in the world of fashion as they compete for the prize (T) (4543)



Lowel Turner returns with the fashion and beauty series (8.30pm)

8.30 Looking Good New series of the fashion programme with Lown Turner (1) (3678) 9.00 Modern Times New series. A unique look behind the scenes of Madame

Tussaud's (T) (761727) .... 9.50 Blood on the Carpet The feud between two factions of the Countryside Alliance (T) (531849)
18.30 Newsnight (T) (655388)
11.15 The Outer Limits A man makes a shocking discovery (T) (430291)

12.00am The Phil Silvers Show (r) (6875079)

Time to be Born 2.00 Schools: Specia Needs 4.00 Languages: Suenos World Spanish, 13-18 5.00 Business and Training: Voluntary Matters 5.30 20 Steps to Better Management: Helping Others to Achieve 5.45 Open University: Questions About Behaviour 6.10 A Conflict of Interests 6.35 Hearing the Call

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12.00am Car on ice 12.30 Close

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5,30sm ITN Morning News (37123) 6.00 GMTV (5767730) 9.25 Trisha (T) (5210475) 10.30 This Morning (T) (11317982) 12.15pm HTV News (1) (7986811)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (1) (28263)
1.00 WEST: Next Stop Richard Wyatt, Polly Lions and Commenced Watt.

Lloyd and correspondents Bridgewater to review developments (49307) 1.00 WALES: Shortland Street Rebecca faces rejection (49307)

1.30 Home and Away Joel fights to save his family (T) (27524) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous US talk show (T) (5638814)

2.45 Dale'a Supermarket Sweep (T) (324920) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (2052956) 3.20 HTV News (T) (5202479)

3.25 CTTV: Cartoon Time (6974746) 3.45 Jumanji (6861104) 4.10 Whizzwig (6036982) 4.40 Mad for It (2075746) 5.10 A Country Practice Harry changes his views on religion (9076543) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (T)

5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (785901) 8.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (848497) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (T) (756388)6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (120185)

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star-studded ceremony (8pm)

8.00 The Brit Awards 1999 Johnny Vaughan hosts the pop industry's annual bash from London Arena, with performances Street Preachers and Robbie Williams. plus a celebration of Abba's 25th anniversary (T) (7746)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (80758) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (947901) 10.40 CHOKE Walk on the Wildside A nostalgic look at the history of

11.40 Renegade Reno runs into trouble with a voodoo curse in New Orleans (809307) 12.40am Descending Angel (1990) A man formerly suspected of being a Nazi war criminal finds his past again coming under scrutiny. Starring George C. Scott.

Directed by Jeremy Kagan (187215) 2.25 Masterclass With photographer James Martin (5/9) (7665963) 2.55 Judge Judy (T) (1212895) 3.25 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (9115031) 4.25 The Making of Elizabeth Behind-the

scenes report (39305876) 4.50 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of ITV programmes (88716760) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (46012)

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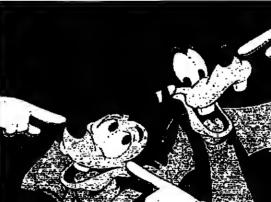
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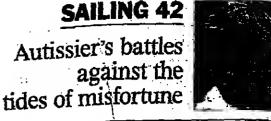
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New England manager to keep his connections with Fulham

# Keegan performs double act

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

KEVIN KEEGAN is set to be named as the new England manager today at a press conference in Sheffield after it appeared that the Football Association had bowed to his demands and agreed to allow him to retain his links with Fulham for 18 months and dictate the terms of his working relationship with Howard Wilkinson, the FA's technical director.

it was thought at first that the English game's governing body would balk at Keegan's determination to combine the uphill struggle of trying to guide England to the 2000 European championship with the task of attaining his dream of guiding Fulham to the FA Carling Premiership next season. When the influential members of the FA's international com-

United showdown Liverpool appeal.

mittee met at a London hotel yesterday, though, it took them only two hours to agree to most of his terms and decide that he should be the successor ω Glenn Hoddle. "Progress is being made, was all they would say officially, but it was like the first wisp of white

Sources at the FA said that they were confident a satisfactory modus operandi could be arranged so that England got more than enough of Keegan's energy and dynamism, even though he was still involved at Craven Cottage. It is thought that he will compromise by missing some Fulham games so he can watch England players in action in the Premiership. Still, there seems little doubt that Keegan, who is likely to include Peter Beardsley. the former Newcastle United player, among his backroom staff, has got his own way. Not only will he become England's first part-time manager since the Second World War, but he will also have autonomy on the training pitch, too.

would like to extend his own

Looking ahead: Keegan's immediate task will be to revive England's faltering European championship qualifying campaign. Photograph: Dan Chung

power base to include overall control of the national team and the under-21s, would be a hindrance to Keegan's willingness to take over. It seems, though, that Keegan has won assurances from Noel White, the chairman of the international committee, that Wilkinson will not be allowed to six on the bench at England matches. He will also be told that Bisham Abbey is Keegan's domain during England training sessions and that his presence there will be

discouraged. Some, like Arsene Wenger, There were concerns that the Arsenal coach, had their the role of Wilkinson, who doubts about the part-time element of the arrangement.

but Ruud Gullit, one of Keegan's heirs at Newcastle United, was more positive, "Keegan would be an excellent choice," he said, "but the most difficult part is to be given time. It is the most difficult job there is." Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, was also confident that his former England playing colleague was the right man. "He has got charisma and a good track record," Robson said. "As a player he had lots of enthusi-asm for the job and he has taken that into management."

It is a bold step by the FA, a risk but a risk worth taking. Keegan has the dynamism to give England and their supporiers an immediate lift for their crucial European championship qualifying tie against Poland at Wembley on March 27, a match England must win if they are to have any realistic

hope of making the finals in

Terry Venables said yesterday that Kevin Keegan would be a "very, very good appoint-ment" as England coach, but admitted he was disappointed that he had not been officially approached himself. "I think my international career was ruined by maybe one or two people at the FA," he said.

Holland and Belgium. His skills as a motivator are unparallelled. Even his great rival. Alex Ferguson, the Manches-ter United manager, admits

Ferguson speaks with amused awe of the way that Keegan's sheer energy seemed to be propelling Newcastle towards the championship several years ago and he will be. able to do the same for his country. Keegan is likely to fa-vour a 4-4-2 system and his ap-

pointment is good news for England's flair players, partic-ularly the Real Madrid-bound Steve McManaman, of whom Keegan is a confirmed admirer. It will be a more cavalier England we see from now on. a more aggressive, adventurous England.

The fear, of course, is that Keegan's boldness and what some identify as a certain tactithe more clinical, ruthless European sides. There were not many goalless draws in his time in charge at St James' Park, but England supporters will be happy if they start winning games 4-3, not losing them 1-0. There are those, loo, who fear that his volatility will quickly ruin his relationship with the media, that his emotional vulnerability to criticism will make him an easy target for the kind of

gratuitous criticism that the

England job attracts. That much may be true, but if he continues his policy of openness and evenhandedness with the press, then there will be few problems of that sort. Hoddle lost the confidence of both his players and the media because of his predilection for being economical with the truth, for encouraging his play-

ers to lie. minded people on Sunday, is "an open book". It will, undoubtedly, be a rollercoaster ride, but it is about time that someone tried to sweep supporters away with their enthusiasm at international level before it is too late and club football takes over completely. Keegan has his flaws, but his talent and his reputation, coupled with the respect that the players will have for him, are ample consolation. The fun is

# Wilkinson and Rees return for national service

By DAVID HANDS, RUGIY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will take their bow in the final Five Nations Championship with two changes to the side that closed out 1998 with victory over South Africa. David Rees returns on the right wing for the Calcutta Cup match with Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday and Jonathan Wilkinson, still only 19, starts nis first championship match at centre and as England's first-choice goalkicker.

It is, in many ways, a second coming for Wilkinson, who was given his first taste of international rugby as a lastminute replacement against Ireland last March before participating in two matches on the ill-fated summer tour of the southern hemisphere the 76-0 defeat by Australia and the 64-22 defeat by New Zealand. Now Clive Wood-ward, the England coach, has decided to give him a decent chance of contributing to a winning team against a Scot-land squad likely to include Alan Tait, alongside whom Wilkinson played as Newcastle motored powerfully to the Allied Dunbar Premiership

It is not Wilkinson's pr ferred position — fly half is where he is likely to make a lasting name for England — but in the absence through in-jury of Will Greenwood and Phil de Glanville, it is where he is needed.

Woodward has kept faith in nearly all respects with the XV that claimed an historic 13-7 win over South Africa in December. The only unforced change brings back Rees, the Sale wing, for his seventh cap ahead of Tony Underwood, of Newcastle. Rees. 24, dogged by injury in recent times, clinched his place with a good display against Richmond last

Sunday. Wilkinson's recovery from the traumas of the summer by his consistent form for his

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The combination of Wilkinson with Jeremy Guscott gives England a creative midfield, but tacking the obvious physical presence that has beature of modern mid-

Some good judges believe Wilkings will be too light-weight though not necessarily in the championship -- for inside entre and that, long tern, h will make the fly half place its own. Woodward



Williams

might have been tempted, therefore, to g for a genuine No 8 who can to the set-piece such as Mar-tin Corry, of L cester, but he

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has preferred to combination of Lawrence. Is llaglio, Neil Back and Richael Hill.
"Wilkinson vil also take the pressure of Matt Dawson." Woodward aid. "He is a frontline goalkider and it would have been the ark for would have been big ask for Matt to do what hidid against South Africa [when the scrum half kicked the wilning goals]. I'm looking forward, anyway, to seeing Matt playscrum half now that Kyran Bracken is back on the bench and back on top of his form."

The only other mange is among the repleciments, where Nell McCathy, of Gloucester, displays Phil Greening.

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# Dundee considers equation of two becoming one

ship on which Captain James Cook sailed to the New World, Dundee found the analogy of its football teams inescapable

The City of Discovery woke up to find that a merger between Dundee and Dundee Linited had appeared on the horizon and, more important, that the brave new world of Scottish football was not against the idea. Roger Mitchell, the chief executive of the Scottish Premier League (SPL), said yesterday that a union of two of the country's most renowned clubs would he acceptable. What must now be determined is the depth of support within Dundee itself

A poll taken by the city's Evening Telegraph newspaper said that 59 per cent of the 2,700 people surveyed were in favour of amalgamation. However, Dundee is capable Phil Gordon on the possibility of a merger between rival Scottish clubs

of harbouring fierce tribal loyalty to match any other city. Allegiance to either Dundee or United has split families, but many others feel that Britain's closest football rivalry - their respective grounds. Dens Park (Dundee) and Tannadice (United) are just 170 yards apart is too claustrophobic. Both clubs would have

different aspirations from any merger, but the unifying attraction is greater capital and a larger potential audience in a city of 180,000 people. United are becalmed after a successful decade in the 1980s that saw them intrude on the preserve of larger clubs at home and abroad. They won the Premier League title in 1983, reached the European

Cup semi-finals the next year

and were beaten Uefa Cup

city's pre-eminent team, winning the first division title in 1962 and reaching the semi-fi-nals of the European Cup the next season, but subsequent failure saw their support dwindle. A return to the Premier League this season has failed to lure fans back, prompting Peter Marr, the Dundee chief executive and one of the owners of the club, to suggest a pos-

sible merger.
We had hoped for 6,000 Dundee fans to turn up regularly this season, but we are only getting half of that. We cannot go on like this," he said. "Football is a business and mergers happen in business. If there is a feeling that this is the way ahead, we could well decide to ask for talks with United.

A Dundee United spokes-man said: "We would be happy to meet Peter Marr and discuss anything. There is good co-operation between the Dundee, though, are sink-ing fast. Once they were the clubs, but talk of an amalgamation at this time is pure Marr has spent around

I million keeping the club afloat since taking it over two years ago, but the prospect of completing urgent work on the ground — which could cost another E3 million — to comply with SPL demands has forced him to consider a coalition. The SPL will accommodate such a bold move, but will not countenance any ground-sharing at Tannadice. It is not the first time in recent years that Scottish foot-ball has considered the idea of such an association. When Wallace Mercer, the Heart of Midlothian chairman, tried to

the idea was aborted. In 1994. Inverness Caley and Inverness Thistle merged to become inverness Caledonian Thistle. Ill-feeling between fans of the rival clubs was not eased until the move to a new stadium in 1997. Now the team, backed by support of 3,000. looks certain to win promotion to the first division.

Billy Dodds, the Dundee United striker, who has also played for Dundee, is not sure that the experiment would work on Tayside. "If a merger goes ahead, I can see a lot of unhappy people in this city," he said. "No one wants to see anyone go to the wall. But there is a lot of tradition which will stand in the way of the clubs coming together."

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